



# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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## **NEWSLETTER**

### **INAUGURAL MESSAGE OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN 2010/2011**

Thank you for the trust you've shown me to take the reigns for 2010/11.

It is a responsibility not to be taken lightly and also one that cannot be undertaken without support. For that reason it must be a team effort.

I express my appreciation for everyone that contributed to the development of TASA; specifically the Management team including Elzabie for her excellent service.

TASA comprises of many members with a wide spectrum of experience and opinions. I call on all members to focus on the passion we all share and what unite us which are the Thatching Industry. May that lead us in constructive debate irrespective of differences in work methods or style. With this aim in mind our Industry can grow constructively.

It is my intended goal this year to ensure an inclusive membership without letting up on crucial principals. To this end effective communication is paramount. It is the role of our Executive Officer to facilitate this and requires in addition the involvement of all our members.

I am looking forward to a year where we can grow TASA to the benefit of all members and clients. The implementation of certification as well as the finalisation of the new Building Regulations remain on the agenda and will hopefully be finalized this year.

I wish you all a very successful year and may the economy recover soon.  
May you receive benediction in all your undertakings.

Greetings

Abrie Visagie

### **FOURTH NATIONAL CONGRESS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A very successful National Congress and AGM were held in the Cape. It created a platform for open discussion regarding matters of contention experienced in the Industry.  
The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting as well as the National Committee meeting are submitted in a separate cover

## NATIONAL THATCH ROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

Archwood Protection Services donated a floating trophy for both categories. The winners also received a framed certificate as well as R4 000. Archwood Protection Services was the main sponsor and sponsored all the prizes of the different competitions.



**Biggarsberg Thatchers**  
WINNER: MOST AESTHETIC STRUCTURE



**Hoffmans Thatching Specialists**  
WINNER: BEST POLE STRUCTURE



*Mr Bertus Nieuwenhuis of Recon Thatchers' entry received an honourable mention*

## NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION FOR TASA MEMBERS AND COMPETITION FOR ARCHITECTS

Results of the above will be published in the next Newsletter. All results of all competitions will be available on the TASA website

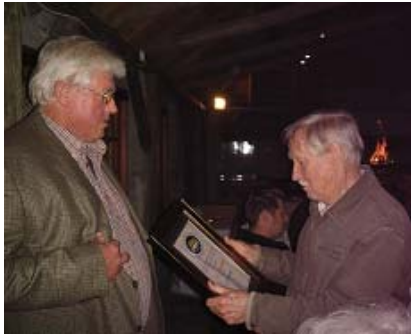
The three judges of the competitions were: Messrs Mike Hull (Civil- and Structural Engineer), Gerrit Steyn (Civil Engineer) and Me Liesl Schoonraad (Architect).

## CUTTING OF IMMATURE GRASS DURING THE GROWING SEASON

A Notice regarding the above will be sent to all members for their attention and information. At the AGM it was decided that TASA dissociates itself from this practice and does not support it.

## HONOURABLE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO MR GAWIE FAGAN

Mr Fagan was the main speaker at the Prize Giving Ceremony. Honourable membership was bestowed on him at this event. Mr Fagan is an architect and known for his work on the restoration of historical buildings.



*It was hard work but a delightful togetherness*



*Mr John Smith hand the Honourable Membership Certificate to Mr Gawie Fagan*



Kind regards

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