



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT IMPANGELE LODGE, MULDRSDRIFT ON SATURDAY, 20 JULY 2019 AT 09:00

Our 2019 Annual General Meeting is again at the door. It will be much appreciated if you could send the attached booking form to the TASA office as soon as possible so that the necessary preparations can be made.

We trust that our members will really try to attend this, our thirteenth Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Management meeting will take place on Friday, 19 July 2019 at 18:00 during a working lunch.

Breakdown of Cost

Mr Bill and Mrs Margaret Bragge will make the conference facility available to us free of charge.

AGM documentation	:	R 60 per book
Finger lunch at 13:00	:	<u>R 75</u> per person
		R 135 per person
Accommodation	:	R 275 per head per night
Breakfast Saturday 20 July 2019	:	<u>R 90</u> per person
		R 365 per person
Tea/coffee and biscuits	:	On tap

The seven (7) cottages have tea/coffee/milk/biscuits and bottled water.

The AGM's Agenda will be sent to you as soon as it is finalised. Please notify the office if you have a discussion point that you wish to include.

INTERNATIONAL THATCHING SOCIETY CONGRESS 17 – 23 MAY 2019

The TASA delegation will give feedback on their visit to Japan during the International Thatching Society's congress there.

TASA's DELEGATION

Back: John Smith, Bertus Nieuwenhuis and Abrie Visagie.

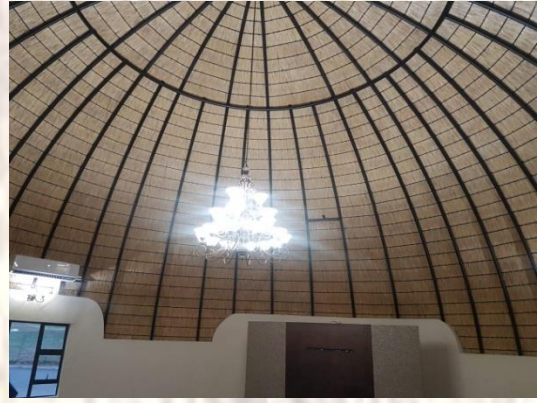
Front: June Smith, Gloria Tkach (June's sister), Cecilia Nieuwenhuis, Sanrie Visagie (Abrie's daughter) and Andre Friis.

WINNER OF THE WORLD'S BEST THATCHED PROPERTY COMPETITION

John Smith of Biggarsberg Thatchers



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MEMBERS OF ITS

DELEGATES FROM:  Great Britain  Holland  Germany  Sweden
 South Africa  Denmark  Japan



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION'S FACE BOOK PAG

Interesting videos about thatching in Japan are posted on our Facebook page which attracts a lot of attention. 2 184 People watched the first video already and it reached 5 461 people so far.

THATCH FOR SALE HARVESTED IN APRIL ALREADY

Quality of workmanship and immature thatch cause great problems in our Industry, along with lack of integrity, responsibility and accountability which is the hallmark of contractors who want to make a quick buck and in many cases disappear afterwards.

The drought in recent years is also a major contributor to the fact that quality thatch is not as readily available.

The lack of finance to buy enough thatch that meets specification requirements and insufficient or no storage facilities, force many contractors to use poor quality thatch which had been sun dried. The wax layer that protects the thatch against moisture penetration has not been formed and shortens the life span of a roof with many years, especially when this quality thatch is treated with a chemical product. No wonder that so much business is lost by replacing thatch with corrugated iron and tiles.

It seems that this is an insurmountable problem that has existed before and since the inception of the TASA and that it will remain with us for some time.

Contractors who use the TASA's registered trademark unlawful are contacted and in most cases our logo is removed from websites. The public's cooperation, especially through our Facebook page, is commendable. This week even a contractor in Thohoyandou was asked to remove our logo from his website after inquiring about membership was done through our Facebook page. The TASA office receives on a regular basis membership requests but the applicant is not prepared for inspection by SATAS, or does not have roofs that can be inspected.



We have great respect and appreciation for our members who not only hold their own names in great esteem, but also that of the TASA.

Kind regards

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