



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The National Chairman, Mr. Abrie Visagie and his Deputy, Mr. Pat Wilson did not make themselves available for re-election. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude is expressed for their pioneering work and dedication to re-establish TASA. The future is secure being built on a sound foundation laid.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional meetings were held country wide during March and April in seven different Regions. Valuable discussions took place re especially the issues of voluntary Accreditation / Certification and the new Specification requirements. These two topics will be discussed in depth at the Annual General Meeting.

NEW REGIONAL MANAGERMENTS

Newly appointed Regional Managements are:

Cape:	Richard Nel Dirk Oosthuizen JC Steenkamp	Somerset Thatching Thatchsure Highveld Cape Thatchers	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary
Natal:	John Smith Anthony Carte Tinus Fick	Biggarsberg Thatchers Country Craft Thatching Thatchmaster (Durban)	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary
Gauteng:	Lana de Jager Andre Friis Will Andrews	Redruth Thatching Letaba Thatchers Zambesi Thatch	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary
Mpumalanga & South East Limpopo	David Hoffman	Hoffman's Thatching Specialists	Representative
OFS & Northern Cape	Bertus Nieuwenhuis	Recon Thatchers	Representative
North West:	Hennie van Rensburg <i>(Acknowledgement of this newly created Region will be asked for at the AGM)</i>	Maranata Grasdakke	Representative
Limpopo North	This Region will still fall under the Gauteng Region		

EXECUTIVE

The Regional Chairmen / Representatives elect among themselves a National Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Together with the Executive Officer, they form the Executive of the TASA.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NATIONAL CONGRESS ZEVENWACHT WINE ESTATES, 9 & 10 MAY 2008

The Programme of the National Congress and Annual General meeting is attached.

COST

The cost of the National Congress and AGM is as follows:

- Attendance of **only** the National Congress and AGM (**Accommodation excluded**) **R950 pp**

(The workshops will start at 14h00 promptly. The cost of the Prize Giving Ceremony, AGM, Saturday lunch and workshops is included in this amount)

ACCOMMODATION

If so wished, it would be possible to stay on at the Zevenwacht Country Inn till Sunday, 11 May 2008 at 10h00 when rooms must be vacated.

REDUCED RATES

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| • Vineyard cottages | B&B (2 persons sharing) | R385 pp | Reduced to R270 pp per night |
| • Vineyard cottages | B&B (single) | R560 pp | Reduced to R395 pp per night |
| • Suites | B&B (2 persons sharing) | R650 pp | Reduced to R455 pp per night |

Your completed reservation form together with proof of payment must be forwarded to the TASA office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **Closing date for bookings and reservations is on 25 April 2008.**

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM Cape Town INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Zevenwacht Wine Estates will be able to arrange transport for you to and from the airport. Please mention your arrival and departure times and dates on the attached Congress reservation form.

COMPETITIONS

1. Photo Competition

(FOR TASA MEMBERS ONLY)

The photo competition of last year was a great success and it was therefore decided to repeat the competition with the following categories:

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| • The most aesthetic structure <i>(provide address where built)</i> | <u>PRIZES</u>
R3 000 |
| • Largest (single) thatched roof <i>(provide address where built)</i> | R3 000 |
| • Funniest photo / video <i>(submit info)</i> | R1 000 |

Rules of the Competition are as follows:

- Entries must be received by the TASA office not later than **25 April 2008**
- Only paid up members may participate
- Members may enter for more than one category
- The number of entries are unlimited
- Adjudication will be done by those present at the Friday evening function
- All entries will be displayed
- Entries for the previous competition may not again be submitted

2. National Thatched Roof Construction Competition (OPEN FOR ALL THATCHERS)

Categories:

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| • Best roof structure | <u>PRIZES</u>
R4 000 |
| • Most aesthetic structure | R4 000 |

(Prizes are sponsored by Arch Wood Protection and Tanalised Treaters)



VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION / CERTIFICATION

The process of voluntary Accreditation / Certification will be explained through a Power Point presentation during the AGM. It will be to your benefit to attend these discussions.

TRAINING

Training of workers as well as the arranging of workshops for thatch contractors is receiving urgent attention. This is necessary in view of the problems experienced with roof constructions as well as in the application of the SANS 10407 specification.

Part of the application for TASA membership is the compliance with the Code of Conduct and Ethics. This implies that the prospective member must be conversant with the SANS 10407 specification and also adhere to it in practice.

The purpose of these proposed workshops / training sessions will be to communicate the latest construction and thatch methods as well as material used. Experience has shown that in the absence of inter action thatch contractors isolate themselves and become ignorant of the latest developments.

The importance of trained workmen in the Industry is self explaining. It will obviously bring more stability and quality in the Industry. These workshops and training sessions will also form an integral part of the voluntary Accreditation / Certification process.

The Western Cape Region will act as host for the second Annual General Meeting and National Congress of TASA. We are looking forward to receive you in the Cape of Good Hope and rely on your support.

Kind regards

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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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