



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER



John Smith
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN



Ulrich Joubert
GUEST SPEAKER

NATIONAL CONGRESS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The yearly National Congress and Annual General Meeting of TASA is the most important item on the TASA calendar and is spread over two days. During this period various workshops are held and knowledge exchanged to the advantage of members and their businesses. Personal contact and conversations build relationships and contributions made contribute to the success of TASA. It also serves as a showcase for member's construction achievements in the form of models or photographs.

Photo Competition

The categories and prizes are as follows:

- Largest roof R2 000
- Most aesthetic roof R2 000
- Funniest thatch photo R1 000

SECOND NATIONAL THATCH ROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

All bona fide Thatchers are invited and encouraged to participate. A levy of R250 is applicable on non members of TASA to participate. Member participation is free. The floor plan, rules and entry form is again submitted. Please also bring it to the attention of other Thatch Contractors that might be interested. The rules for the other categories are available from the TASA office should you want to involve Engineers and Architects.

A golf shirt with logos of the competition and sponsors is issued to each entrant. Additional golf shirts are available at R150 each.

Prizes are as follows

For Thatch Contractors

- Best pole construction R4 000
- Most aesthetic pole construction R4 000

For Architects and Designers

- Best design for a thatched roof R3 000
- Most aesthetic design for a thatch roof building R3 000

Only one entry is so far received from Thatch Contractors. Your entries must be received as soon as possible for the golf shirt order to be executed on time.

Plans from two Architectural firms have already been received.

No entries have been received from University students as yet, but they have shown interest to accept the challenge.

GUEST SPEAKER DURING PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION

On Friday evening 15 May 2009 at 09h30 during our Prize Giving Function the well known economist Ulrich Joubert will be our guest speaker.

He hails from the Cape and his experience was shaped in the Civil Service, State Corporations and the Bank Sector. He was the Group Economist of Transnet during the period 1989 to 2006. At present he is attached to Kruger International.

He serves at present on the management of the AHI and is a past Chairman of the Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer. He is also a frequent contributor to the media, radio and TV.

He is so far the only Economist to win the Beeld /ABSA Economist of the Year Award. Three times.

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAMS

(Natal, Mpumalanga & South East Limpopo's management teams must still be elected)

Western Cape



From the left: Christiaan Munnik : Vice Chairman
Dirk Oosthuizen : Chairman
Willem Prinsloo : Secretary

Gauteng



From the left: Cobus Maritz : Secretary
Will Andrews : Vice Chairman
Darren Wilson : Chairman

North West



From the left: Hennie van Rensburg : Chairman
Sias Botha : Secretary
Hein Lorenzen : Vice Chairman

We want to express our sincere appreciation to the 2008 Regional management teams for their dedicated service. We trust that the members that were not reelected will still be actively involved as in the past

We also want to congratulate the members of the newly elected teams. Major challenges and opportunities are awaiting TASA this year Our members must consider themselves as the bricks of the TASA building and the regional management acts as the mortar that holds the building together

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee comprises of the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman, treasurer and Executive officer

The present National Committee, comprising of the Regional Chairmen, elects during a National Committee meeting to be held on the 15th May 2009, office bearers for the above positions among themselves. The Executive Officer is an employee and is not elected.

The newly appointed Executive Committee will be introduced at the Prize Giving Function on Friday evening 15 May 2009.

*The newly elected management will take office officially after the AGM on the 16 May 2009.
A Regional management meeting will take place immediately after the AGM. We therefore expect all the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Secretaries to attend. This meeting is not for the Regional Chairmen members only, but for all the management members as indicated above.*

RESERVATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS AND AGM

A reservations form and program is provided herewith.
Information regarding hotels and guest house reservations close to the CSIR is available from the TASA office.

We depend on your presence and look forward to receive you at this special event.

Kind regards

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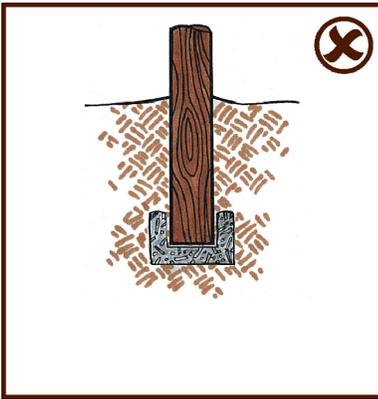
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HOW TO PLANT A POLE

The science of treating timber properly provides for the preservative to be deeply impregnated into the sapwood thereby giving a deep envelope of treatment around the central heartwood. It is preferable that your treated timber is purchased in the size in which you intend to use it. If this is not the case and you subsequently cut the timber, you may expose the untreated heartwood of the timber. It is important that to retain the integrity of the treatment that you liberally swab or brush a suitable preservative e.g. Creosote or CCA, into the cut surface. The cut end of a pole or plank should not be the end which you plant into the ground. Rather use the other uncut end. Anti-split plates should be replaced if you cut off an end of a pole.

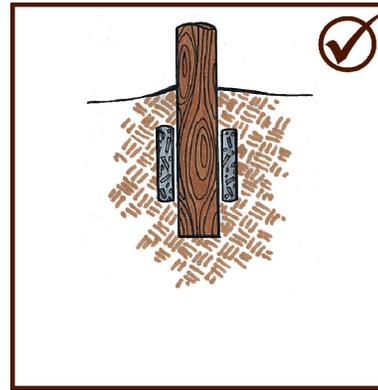
If timber, e.g. a treated post is planted in the ground it is essential that you allow for drainage of rainwater through the timber.

CUP



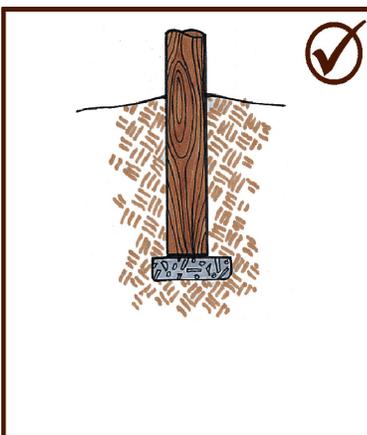
Do not enclose the planted end of the post in the concrete.

COLLAR



If you need to use concrete then let the concrete form a collar around the post with the end of the post protruding through the concrete.

STAND



If you plant the post on concrete at the bottom of the hole, let the concrete set before planting the post.

Treated Timber will give you many years of satisfactory service which will be extended even further with proper maintenance

Please do not hesitate to contact SAWPA on 011 974 1061 or 0800 113 630, or email: sawpa@global.co.