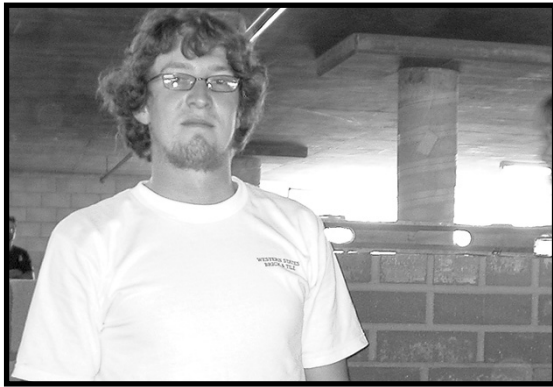


'Best in the West'



JACOB AMOS



SCOTT HASSEBOEK

Bricklayers Local 1 Apprentices Number 1 at Western States Brick and Tile Contest

Jacob Amos and Scott Hasseboek of Portland-based Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers Local 1 captured first place in their respective divisions at the 35th annual Western States Brick & Tile apprenticeship contest held May 31 in San Diego. A third contestant from Local 1, Jasper Blackburn, placed fourth in the brick contest.

The contest attracted a field of 41 apprentices from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington.

All of the apprentices were given the same brick or tile project to build in five hours and were judged on accurate dimensions, square, level, plumb, cleanliness and overall appearance, said Joe Luna, apprenticeship coordinator for the Oregon & Southwest Washington Mason Trades Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. The top three winners in each category won cash prizes and tools of their trade — not to mention bragging rights for one year.

Hasseboek is a 90 percent tilesetter apprentice and works for Schonert & Associates. Amos also is a 90 percent apprentice. He works for J&S Masonry. The competition was the first for Hasseboek and the fourth for Amos.

Amos has steadily improved his placement over the years, placing fifth, third, second, and finally first in this contest. He also finished second at the BAC International contest.

Blackburn is a 90 percent bricklayer apprentice and works for Bromley Masonry. This was his second contest. Last year he placed eighth in a field of 27.

"This is a testament to the training our apprentices receive," said Local 1 Business Manager Keith Wright. "Joe Luna and instructors Steve Chambers, Dan Bonife and Dennis Faris deserve credit for the great jobs they have done with teaching our apprentices special skills they need not only for competition, but skills they need on their jobs."

Along with personal trophies, the contest has traveling trophies that the winning local gets to display for one year. The George Boggio Memorial Trophy is awarded for the Tile Contest and the Don Sullivan Commemorative Trophy is awarded for the Brick Contest. Amos' and Hasseboek's names will be added to the trophies with an engraved name plate for posterity.

Next year, Local 1 will host the Western Region contest at the Janzten Beach Red Lion.

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