

BUILDING COMMUNITY



Volunteers from left: Jim Hale, Cris Corral, Darrell Hopkins, Jason Joeckel, Brandon Liggett, George Weaver, Caleb Hopkins, David Liggett, John Dev, Ryan Hoover, Jason Barthel, Devin Hopkins, Ray (RC) Carpenter, Jr., and Travis Hopkins. Not pictured are Rosa Rivera, Elizabeth Gonzales, Steve Dalton, and Brad Basom.

Building Trades' conservation project helps Boy Scouts

Volunteers from Roofers Local 49 and Laborers Local 737 teamed with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) May 19-20 to help construct a shooting sports complex for the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America at Camp Meriwether on the Oregon Coast. The shooting range will be used for archery, shotguns, and rifles. A portion of the money for the project was raised at two USA conservation dinners sponsored by the Oregon State Building Trades Council in 2016 and 2017 in Portland. The third annual dinner will be held July 13 at the IBEW Local 48 Hall in Northeast Portland. For more information, contact Travis Hopkins of Roofers Local 49 at 503-883-3656 or by email at travis10hopkins@gmail.com. Hopkins helps coordinate the an-

nual dinner, and he helped coordinate the project with the Boy Scouts. Construction volunteers raised trusses and placed plywood sheeting on the roof. More volunteers will return to com-

plete the project June 2-3. USA is a union-dedicated, non-profit whose members hunt, fish, shoot and volunteer their skills for conservation. For more information, visit www.unionsportsmen.org.



Retired roofer Darrell Hopkins saws plywood sheeting for roof at new shooting sports complex at the Boy Scouts' Camp Meriwether.



UNION DEMOCRACY

ILWU convention in Portland

About 200 union delegates will convene at the Portland Hilton June 4-8 for the 2018 convention of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). The 35,000-member union represents dock and warehouse workers in Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States and Canada, as well as workers at Powell's Books and the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. For ILWU leader "Big Bob" McEllrath, it will be his last convention as president. McEllrath, originally from ILWU Local 4 in Vancouver, Washington, has been ILWU president since 2006, but under



the ILWU Constitution he is age-limited from running again. Delegates are expected to winnow down candidates for international union office so that rank-and-file members can choose between the top two in mail ballots later this summer.

Ironworker Robert Camarillo will head Oregon Building Trades

The Executive Board of the Oregon Building Trades Council has chosen Ironworkers organizer Robert Camarillo to succeed Tim Frew as executive secretary.



Robert Camarillo

The council coordinates the state-level political efforts of 21 affiliated building trades unions with a total membership of about 25,000 construction workers. Executive secretary is the council's top elected office and is a full-time position.

Frew, who served one two-year term as executive secretary, is seeking election as

business manager of IBEW Local 280, a position he held from 2009 to 2015.

Camarillo was most recently an organizer for the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers. He previously served as business agent, vice president and president of Iron Workers Local 29, where he completed his apprenticeship. He also served as president of the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council.

Ever notice that people say workers are "forced" to pay union dues?

But they don't say a thing about being "forced" to take the pay, benefits and protections that come with a union contract.