

# ON THE LAZY BENCH

*Penn Brad Oil Museum strives to preserve the history of the Bradford Oil Field and the unique culture that developed along with it. The Museum also honors the people and their families whose lives contributed to making Bradford the "Highgrade Oil Metropolis of the World."*

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## 4th Annual Harvey Golubock Memorial Clays Shoot and Ironman Tournament

by Steve Pratt, Board Member

Throughout the year, the Penn Brad Oil Museum holds events to bring our members and supporters together, raise awareness of the Museum's mission, and to generate much-needed funding. Since the fall of 2018, one of the most entertaining and successful of these has been The Harvey Golubock Memorial Sporting Clays Event.

The idea of holding a "clays shoot" fundraising event was first conceived by former Penn Brad Board of Directors member Harvey Golubock. Harvey laid the groundwork for what would become the first shoot, which was held in his memory, after his passing in February of 2018. What followed were three annual events that introduced many Penn Brad members, supporters, and area residents to an exciting sport, and an opportunity to spend a day in the beautiful outdoors of McKean County, PA, at a nationally renowned shooting facility, the Bradford Gun Club.

While some of Penn Brad's supporters are familiar with the shooting sports, many of you are probably left wondering, "What

in the world is a clays shoot, and even more so, an ironman tournament?". Rest assured it does not involve firing a gun into our clay-rich mountain soil, or spending a day swimming, cycling, and running to the point of complete exhaustion! What these events are actually based on is the age-old sport of shooting "clay birds" with shotguns.

Certainly, we've all seen movie scenes featuring wealthy, pipe-smoking aristocrats who holler "Pull!" a moment before they shoulder fancy double barreled shotguns and shatter small round targets that resemble birds in flight. Well, it turns out that you can have a lot of fun shooting clays without being an aristocrat, and without owning a \$10,000 firearm. This safe and exciting pastime is accessible by shooters of all ages, abilities, and experience.

But you might still be wondering, "What is it?"

Sporting clays is an adventurous variation on traditional "trap" shooting (the "Pull!", sweep, bang! we've all seen on TV). On a clays course, shooters move from

station to station, much like holes on a golf course, where the targets are thrown into the air from a variety of angles and speeds. Also like a golf course, each station has its own unique challenges, and leaves the shooter at various levels of frustration and self-congratulation, depending on how it went. But rather than walking a well-groomed golf course, shooters on the Bradford Gun Club's famous clays course get to stroll narrow paths through forested land as they

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## PENN BRAD OIL MUSEUM

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Open: Wednesday to Friday

9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday

9 AM to 2 PM

Admission Cost:

Adults - \$5.00

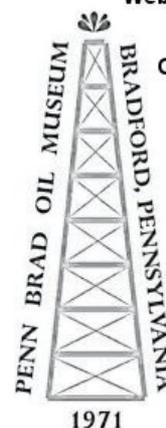
Seniors - \$4.50

Children (under 12) -

FREE

Active Military / Family -

FREE



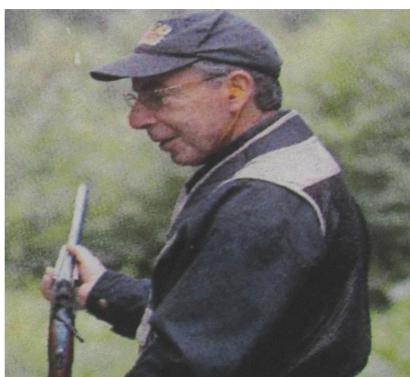
## Clays Shoot Continued

move from station to station, and there aren't any water hazards!

At the 2021 event we will be adding a new level of challenge for our seasoned shooters, the Ironman. An ironman shoot includes the sporting clays challenge we described above, plus a round on the trap field, and it features an additional round of five-stand, a slightly more difficult version of traditional trap shooting. But the fun doesn't end when all of your shotgun shells are spent.

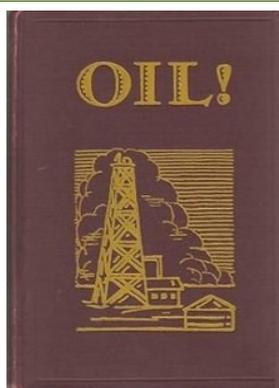
Every Clays shoot that we sponsor starts off with an a-la-carte breakfast and coffee, cold refreshments out on the Club grounds, a fantastic catered lunch after the shooting is wrapped up, raffles, auctions, and even CASH PRIZES for the best shooters in each skill level. And if you aren't interested in shooting, you can join in as a spectator and enjoy the food and other great activities offered at this event.

Make sure to watch our website and Facebook page for more details on this fun-filled day. Bring your friends, and we'll see you on Saturday, August 14!



Harvey Golubock

If you or your business would like to donate an auction item or become an event sponsor, see Page 6 or please contact the museum.



## Book Review

Oil! : A Novel by Upton Sinclair  
 Albert and Charles Boni, Inc. 1927  
 Republished by Penguin Books 2007  
 (The inspiration for the R-rated 2007 film There Will Be Blood)

This novel is over 500 pages long, with many characters and many storylines. Such as WWI, sharecropper poverty, religious fanaticism, political corruption, industrialization, communism, rampant real estate development, unions and much more. The pared-down movie, based on only the beginning chapters of this novel, is a lot more intense and gratifying, with Daniel Day Lewis as the greedy and aggressive California oilman. Read the book, but especially see the movie, for the scenes of early oilfield dangers; both book and movie describe/depict a horrific rig explosion and fire.

Upton Sinclair wrote more than 90 books and this is usually rated as his finest because it is less strident about exposing all of the perceived faults of capitalism. He actually lived in California during the oil boom and witnessed much of what he describes. This book is available in the museum's Kinley Library.



## New Logo for the Museum

With the big news this year being the upcoming celebration of the Penn Brad Oil Museum's 50th birthday, and the Bradford Oil Field's 150th, we thought a new and appropriate logo was in order. The first will be our official logo for the big celebration this September 18th at the museum, and the second will be our logo moving forward. These were designed in-house by Fran Bottone, Museum Manager, with help from Monica Meckes at ID Graphics LLC.

# Rare Jack Recovered and Donated to Museum

by Fran Bottone, Museum Manager

On a nice day in March, representatives from the Penn Brad Oil Museum and the Bradford Landmark Society collaborated on the recovery mission of a very rare old 'Lightning' underpull-style jack that was donated to the museum by an anonymous donor.



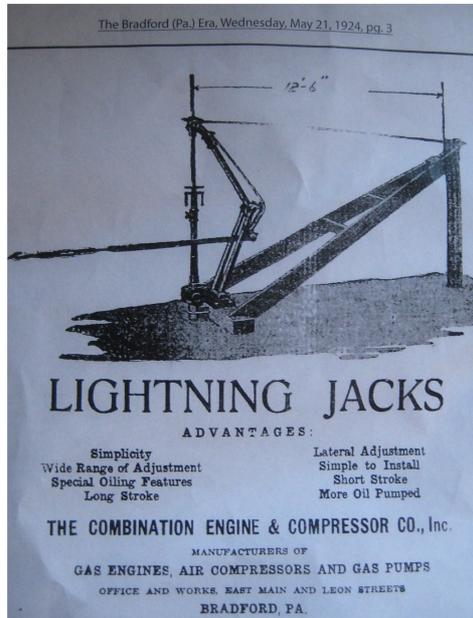
What is really unique about this jack is that it was actually manufactured by the Kansas City Hay Press and Tractor Company of Kansas City, Missouri, not who you would usually expect to be manufacturing oil equipment. This jack was not commonly used in the Bradford Oil fields despite its unique features, and this may be the only survivor, or certainly one of a very few.



One of the clever features of this jack was that it had an adjustable stroke, from a minimum of 18" to a maximum of 30". The long stroke gave the jack greater pumping capacity and reduced wear on internal parts of the

pump. It could also easily be adjusted for heavy producing wells to light ones, and was even adjustable while the jack was under motion.

The company boasted easy installation and economy in their sales literature. These jacks were sold here in Bradford by the Combination Engine & Compressor Co. Inc. at East Main and Leon streets near the old Silk Mills. Below is one of their ads from a 1924 Bradford Era.



This jack will eventually be refurbished and put on display at



the Penn Brad Oil Museum.



In addition to the gracious donor of this rare piece, we would like to thank Mike Fuoco from The Bradford Landmark Society for his extensive knowledge of these artifacts, Tom Miller, President of the Board of the Penn Brad Oil Museum and 3rd generation oil man who has extensive hands-on experience with these original rod line jacks, Fran Bottone, museum manager, for the use of his ATV and trailer, photos, and assistance with the recovery, and also the local landowner who provided us access to the property, whom also wishes to remain anonymous.

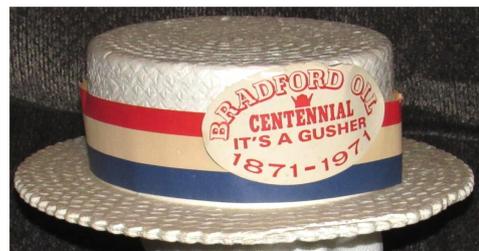


"Prospecting for oil is a dynamic art... The greatest single element in all prospecting, past, present and future, is the man willing to take a chance." Everette DeGolyer

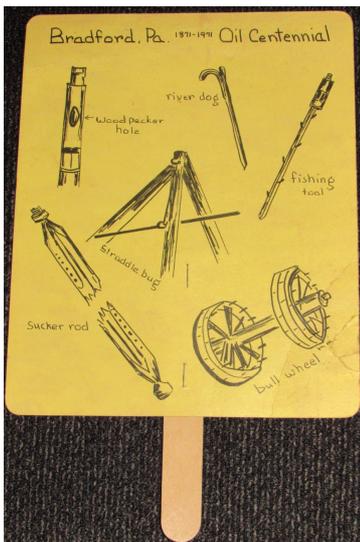
# 1971 Museum Memorabilia Finds a New Home

by Angela Nuzzo, Editor

When I was a teenager, my parents and I had an antiques and collectibles business. We would scout out local yard sales and auctions, looking for unique items to buy and resell. It was during this time that I became interested in local history. I would find an old Bradford City Directory, a vintage postcard, or a cool piece of memorabilia from a town event that happened thirty years before I was born. Suffice it to say, these items never made it to the resale table.



Over the years, my collection grew and I ended up with several totes full of history. I had big dreams of opening my own small museum, but reality and lack of money stood in the way.

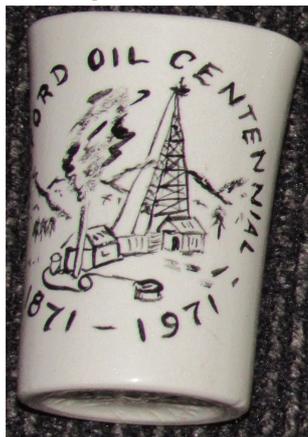


That's where the internet came in handy. Instead of buying a

building, I bought a domain name and created a history museum on-line. BacktoBradford.com turned on in March and has about 2,000 images, including pictures of all of the items I've bought over the years.



It's great having my collection seen by others and people love the website, but that still leaves these historic items stored away in a tote. When the Oil Museum began preparations for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I had an idea.

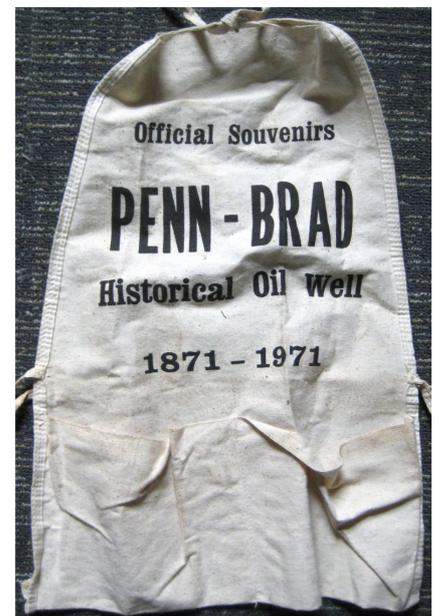


I rummaged through my totes and found a few pieces from the museum's opening in 1971. (Two years before I was born.) The hat, fan, ashtray, toothpick holder, and wooden nickel will be donated to their new home at the

Penn Brad Oil Museum, where everyone who visits can enjoy them as I have.



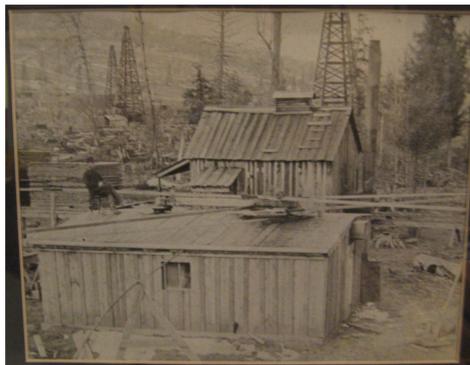
If you come and spend an hour or two browsing through the main building, toolhouse, and the lease house, you're sure to also see these items which are already in the Museum's collection.



# New Photo Gallery Greet Visitors for the 2021 Season

by Fran Bottone, Museum Manager

A project that was conceived last season was recently completed here at the museum. Visitors can now enjoy a new "Picture Wall" in the entrance area to our Doghouse Theater. Many one-of-a-kind historical photos had been packed away in storage boxes and we thought they should be out on display for the public to appreciate. Here is a little peek at the new set-up. We cordially invite everyone to stop in and take a closer look the next time you are here.



# Fireside Pumper's Breakfast

The museum welcomes the public to the Fireside Pumper's breakfast meetings, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30am at Togi's Banquet Room, 412-422 E. Main Street, Bradford. The breakfast buffet is \$12, with a portion of that going toward museum improvements. Check the Bradford Era the Monday before each meeting for more details or changes in the schedule.

## June 9, 2021

Stan Pecora

*Captain Jones, Pioneer Oil Man*

## July 14, 2021

Robin Augustine

*Refinery Turnaround and Transition*

## August 11, 2021

Maggie Frederickson

*Birdsill Holly, Engineer*

## September 8, 2021

Matt Rettger

*ARG Fire Safety*

## October 13, 2021

Kylie McLaughlin

*ALCO Locomotives*

## November 10, 2021

Fran Bottone

*Penn Brad Oil Museum*

*Review: The Year in Pictures*

# Penn Brad Oil Museum



## 4th Annual Harvey Golubock Memorial Clays Tournament & Iron Man Shoot

Saturday, August 14, 2021    Bradford Gun Club    West Warren Rd, Lewis Run, PA

### Sponsorship Opportunity



The museum is looking for businesses to sponsor various aspects of their yearly fundraiser. Each sponsor will be acknowledged with a sign at the appropriate area. The \$500 and up sponsorships also come with 1-4 complimentary shooting registrations.

**Event Sponsor    \$2,000**  
**Beverage Sponsor    \$500**  
**Five Stand Sponsor    \$100**

**Lunch Sponsor    \$750**  
**Clay Stations    \$250**  
**Trap Field Sponsor    \$100**

For more information, please call 814-368-6824, or see the complete Registration & Sponsor Form on our website.

Your sponsorship is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law (501c3).



# Board Of Directors

The Penn Brad Oil Museum Board of Directors is as follows:

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Photo by Fran Bottone

## Donations to Rig Replacement Fund

by Dr. Matt Kropf

### In Memory Of Willard M Cline:

- by American Refining Group
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## Memorial Gifts

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
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Willard M Cline.....	Mike & Martha Nenno
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Daniel Palmer.....	MSL Oil & Gas Corp.
Martin "Keith" Shultz.....	American Refining Group
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## Remember or Honor a Loved One with a Gift to the Penn Brad Oil Museum

Memorials received after May 12 will appear in the next newsletter.  
 Memorials are available by calling 814-368-6824, or by mailing the coupon below to: Penn Brad Oil Museum, P.O. Box 163, Bradford, PA 16701. If ordering a brick, please call the number for more details.  
 A notice from the Museum will be sent to the recipient.  
 Penn Brad Oil Museum is a 501(c)(3) entity and all donations are tax deductible.  
 If you want your gift to go to the Rig Replacement Fund, check the box on the coupon.

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The Penn Brad Oil Museum will be marking two anniversaries this year! The 50<sup>th</sup> for the museum and the 150<sup>th</sup> for the Bradford Oil Field. We are adding to our annual Derrick Day events to make the celebration a great one. Along with the oil field equipment exhibits, there will be music, heritage craft demonstrations, history reenactors, food, and more. You can be part of our festivities by becoming a sponsor. There are five donation levels, from "Oil Maggot" to "Oil Tycoon." Each level has perks that could help promote your business. No matter what level you choose, all donations are appreciated. For more information, contact the museum or go to our website and print out the Sponsor Form.



## Gun Raffle For The American Oilman Tribute Edition

Raffle tickets are still available for this beautiful Henry Lever Action .44 Magnum / .44 Spl Rifle that features oil field images engraved on the brass receiver. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the museum or from any board member. The drawing will be held on Sept. 19, 2021, at the dedication of the new standard rig.



For gun details, visit [www.henryusa.com](http://www.henryusa.com) and search for "Oilman Tribute."

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