



The WESTERNERS Los Angeles Corral

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 Roundup

Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson Street, Alhambra, CA

Social Hour at 5 P.M., Dinner at 6 P.M.

Our Speaker: Dr. Brian Dervin Dillon

His Subject: Old West Shootin' Irons, 1542-1923

For more than a century, Hollywood “horse operas” have glamorized pistol-packin’ gunslingers, so much that the “Old West” seems to have been populated exclusively by homicidal sociopaths. The reality was very different: firearms were common tools in both military and civilian contexts from as early as 1542 right up to the early 20th century. Serious historians, unlike Hollywood ignoramuses, consider them important artifacts: guns are evidence of chronology, technology, economy, politics, and even ethnicity wherever found.

Former Los Angeles Corral Sheriff Brian Dervin Dillon is a 5th generation Californian and both the son and the father of historians. He earned his Ph.D. in archaeology from U.C. Berkeley 44 years ago and has done extensive fieldwork in 5 New World countries. Dr. Dillon has published more than 200 books, monographs, and articles on archaeology and history, including more than 30 on firearms history. A lifelong shooter, Brian is also a rifle, pistol, shotgun and reloading instructor who has taught many hundreds of people to shoot safely and responsibly in his formal classes. A gun collector in his own right for more than 60 years, Brian is also the keeper of the Dillon family gun collection assembled over four generations. Most of the Old West examples showcased in Brian’s February, 2023 lecture are from his own family’s collection.

This promises to be a very interesting topic for our February Roundup.

Suggestions for future programs are always welcome. Contact Mark Mutz at (562) 325-5699 or dj.mutz30@gmail.com with your ideas and program topics.

Future Los Angeles Corral Events

March 8, 2023: Ed Anderson on the Women of Yosemite and the National Parks Movement

Future programs to be announced.

Dinner Fees, Reservations & Meal Choices

The Roundup Dinner Fee is \$45. Almansor Court has ample, convenient and free parking. The dinner choices for this Roundup are sliced top sirloin, Chicken Dijonaise and Vegetable Pancit. Salad and dessert are included.

Please choose your entrée and make out your check for \$45 to “Westerners, Los Angeles Corral,” or submit your payment online as EARLY AS YOU CAN but no later than one week before the Roundup date. Almansor Court needs the meal count no later than one week before the Roundup. Just log on to our website (www.lawesterners.org) and go to the **Members Only** tab.

Click on the **Roundup Store** option and follow the instructions. **Members will know the password.** Walk-ins can be served, but entrée choices will be limited to what is on hand. The “late price” is now \$50.00.

If you are paying by check, mail it to Michele Clark, Registrar of Marks and Brands at 226 1/2 Beacon Avenue South Pasadena, CA 91030-1702. Late reservations or questions may be addressed to Michele via e-mail: mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone: (626) 822-1522.

Safety Protocols for Covid 19 Continue to Change. Please have a mask available for use if needed.

Travel Assistance to Our Fellow Members

Please keep in mind that some of our members can no longer drive or are uncomfortable driving on the freeways at night. If such members live in your area, please get in touch to see if they would come with you to the Roundups. Call Michele Clark, our Sunshine Wrangler, at (626) 822-1522 if you need a ride.