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TEAM VALOR PARTNERS ENJOY SPRING FLING IN HEART OF BLUEGRASS KEENELAND, DENALI STUD, THE IRWINS HOME, FASIG-TIPTON KEY VENUES ANIMAL KINGDOM AND HIS BABIES SEEN BY ABOUT 100 RACING PARTNERS

Team Valor International hosted near 100 racing partners last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at several venues in the bluegrass, where Briana Mott spearheaded a major team effort on the part of the company's staff to show off the stable and the region's assets.



The ice was broken Friday evening at a cocktail party in a beautiful new room at the Fasig-Tipton sales complex just down the road from the Kentucky Horse Park. Considering how far many of the partners traveled, the turnout was high, as well as the spirits in bottles, the hearts of the guests in anticipation of the weekend festivities.

Partners came from such faraway and diverse places as Oregon, Texas, Washington, New York, Louisiana, Arizona, California, Florida, New Hampshire and Mars (ok, so we exaggerate a little bit!).

Participants in the Spring Fling of 2016 did not have to wait too long for a trip highlight to take place, as early Saturday morning they got to eyeball several yearlings and foals representing the first two crops sired by Champion, Derby and World Cup hero Animal Kingdom at Denali Stud. Following a day at Keeneland and an evening party at the home of Barry and Kathleen Irwin the partners got the opportunity to eyeball AK himself in all of his resplendence at Darley Stud Sunday morning.

Company President Barry Irwin said "As always, even though this is all about the horses, many of those on hand renewed or formed friendships with fellow racing partners and these relationships and experiences will be remembered long after the horses are forgotten.



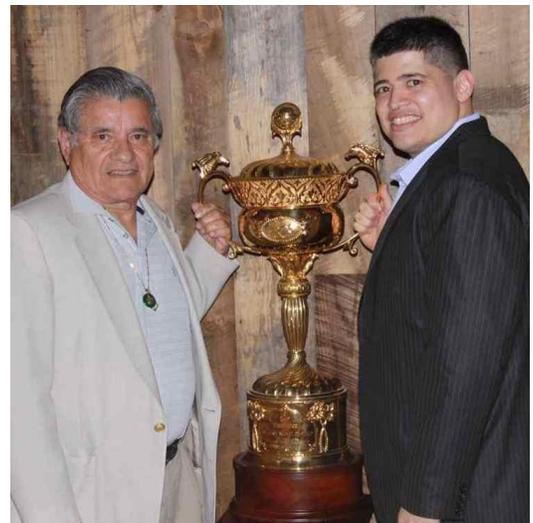
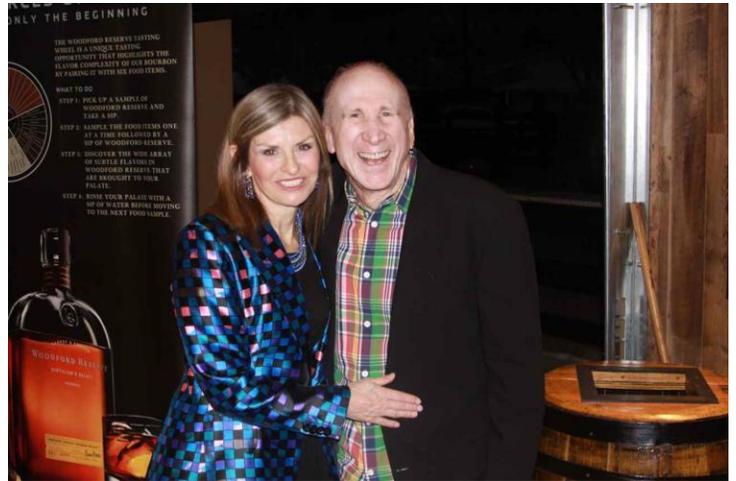
Megan Jones with partner Dave Dillon's grandson, Timmy, and TVI broodmare Wide Range.

"People that are drawn to horses have a lot in common that transcend politics, residential locale, age and gender. Horse people are game as can be, they love to have fun and they care for their animals. There is a lot to talk about!"

Summing up the generations to a great degree is the family of longtime racing partner Dave Dillon, which included his 91yo mother who hit 7 of 9 exactas at Keeneland and Dave's pre-school grandson Timmy, who honed his skills as a future manipulator by wheedling 3 cupcakes out of Barry Irwin.

[**A VIDEO LOOK AT THE SPECIAL WEEKEND IN KENTUCKY**](#)

Selected Spring Fling Fotos





*Sizing up those little Animal Kingdom babies obviously takes a considerable amount of sheer concentration!
But the exercise is well worth the effort judging by the look of delight on these partners' smiling faces.*

