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## SUMMER SOIREE LIFTS BARRY IRWIN TO GRADE 1 MILESTONE AT DEL MAR FILLY IS 25<sup>TH</sup> INDIVIDUAL GRADE 1 WINNER FOR IRWIN PARTNERSHIPS TEAM VALOR CEO HAS WATCHED OVER 36 TOP-LEVEL WINS IN 25 SEASONS

Barry Irwin achieved a significant milestone on August 20 when Summer Soiree prevailed in the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks. Irwin is in the midst of his 25<sup>th</sup> season syndicating and managing racehorses, and Summer Soiree is his 25<sup>th</sup> individual Grade 1 winner.



Irwin started under the banner of Clover Racing Stable in 1987 and has made a worldwide impact since 1993 as Team Valor, which bred 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom and races him in an LLC comprised of 20 partners.

The Del Mar Oaks nearly represented a full circle, since Clover Racing scored its first big win in the same race in 1987 with Lizzy Hare when it was a Grade 2 affair.

The 25 top-level winners have been spread across the U.S. and much of the racing world, including Canada, Dubai, France, Hong Kong, and South Africa and have combined for a total of 36 Grade or Group 1 wins.

The silver anniversary season could end up as Irwin's best ever. With more than four months remaining in 2011, Team Valor has racked up \$3,223,779 in racetrack earnings, already the 6<sup>th</sup>-best yearly total for an Irwin stable and within reach of the all-time high of \$3,888,233 from 2007.

Summer Soiree also is the 63<sup>rd</sup> horse for an Irwin partnership to win or place in a Grade 1 event.



The War Front filly accounted for Team Valor's 11<sup>th</sup> stakes victory in 2011, more than double the next highest total for a public racing syndicate.

In the overall owner standings, the stable is deadlocked in a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U.S. with five graded stakes wins.

Summer Soiree also prevailed in the Grade 3 Boiling Springs Stakes at Monmouth Park.

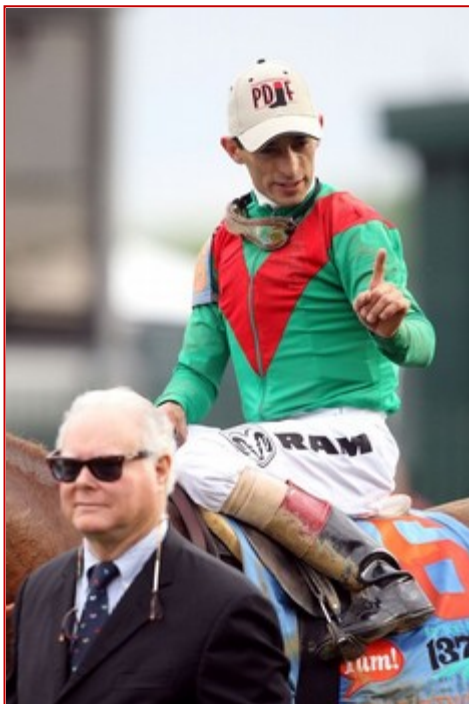
Team Valor has 31 wins overall this year from 141 starters, a 22% strike rate.

*Dylan Munro, the young son of partner Adrian Munro, led Summer Soiree into the winner's circle on Saturday following her first Grade 1 triumph in the Del Mar Oaks.*



*In Barry Irwin's first year forming and managing racing partnerships, Lizzy Hare (above) provided a breakthrough win in the 1987 Del Mar Oaks under Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens.*

*In his silver-anniversary season, Irwin guided Animal Kingdom and John Velazquez to the special infield winner's circle at Churchill Downs.*



<b>Grade 1 wins for Team Valor and Clover Stable Under the management of Barry Irwin</b>			
<b>Horse</b>	<b>Race(s)</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Country</b>
Animal Kingdom	Kentucky Derby	2011	U.S.
Becrux	Woodbine Mile	2006	Canada
Captain Bodgit	Florida Derby	1997	U.S.
Captain's Lover	Cape Fillies' Guineas	2007	SAf
Carnadore	Gold Medallion S.	2005	SAf
Cashier's Dream	Spinaway S.	2001	U.S.
Ebony Flyer	Cape Fillies' Guineas	2010	SAf
Gitano Hernando	Goodwood S.	2009	U.S.
Golden Ballet	Las Virgenes S.	2001	U.S.
	Santa Anita Oaks	2001	U.S.
Gypsy's Warning	Matriarch S.	2010	U.S.
	SAf Fillies Classic	2009	SAf
	Thekwini Fillies S.	2008	SAf
Ipi Tombe	Dubai Duty Free	2003	U.A.E.
	Durban July	2002	SAf
	SAf Fillies Guineas	2002	SAf
Irridescence	QE II Cup	2006	H. Kong
	SAf Fillies Classic	2005	SAf
	Woolavington 2200 S.	2005	SAf
Little Miss Magic	Empress Club S.	2007	SAf
Martial Law	Santa Anita H.	1989	U.S.
On Her Toes	Fillies Championship	2008	SAf
Political Ambition	Hollywood Derby	1987	U.S.
	Hollywood Invitational H.	1988	U.S.
Prized	Breeders' Cup Turf	1989	U.S.
	San Luis Rey S.	1990	U.S.
Russian Sage	Daily News 2000	2008	SAf
	Cape Derby	2008	SAf
Star of Cozzene	Arlington Million	1993	U.S.
	Man o' War S.	1993	U.S.
Stratos	Empress Club S.	2008	SAf
Summer Soiree	Del Mar Oaks	2011	U.S.
Sweet Stream	Prix Vermeille	2004	France
The Deputy	Santa Anita Derby	2000	U.S.
Unbridled Belle	Beldame S.	2007	U.S.
Visionaire	King's Bishop S.	2008	U.S.