

BRADLEY WEISBORD NAMED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF TEAM VALOR WISCONSIN GRAD WILL BE GROOMED TO RUN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS CEO BARRY IRWIN ENVISIONS KEY ROLE FOR FORMER ZAYAT MANAGER



Bradley Weisbord has been hired by Barry Irwin as chief operating officer of Team Valor International. Weisbord spent the last 2 years as business/racing manager for leading owner Ahmed Zayat. Earlier he worked at *Thoroughbred Daily News*, which was established by his father, Barry Weisbord.

“I can’t even imagine a better qualified young man in the entire industry for our enterprise,” Irwin said. “Running a racing stable takes a guy that can think on his feet, has the courage of his convictions and a love of the game and the people that want to play it. Bradley not only reflects these attributes, but he has talent. Look what he just did in assisting Bobby Flay to win his first Grade 1 with Her Smile. He insures continuity for the long range future of Team Valor.”

Weisbord begins working for TVI next week. He will marry his University of Wisconsin sweetheart Rebecca Miller in January and the newlyweds will set up residency together in Kentucky next spring.

“In the last 2 months,” Irwin said, “Team Valor has taken steps to strengthen itself for the future. We now have the brightest and most successful young racing talent in the business with Bradley and we have the best young turf writer and media guy in the game in Jeff Lowe. Since winning the Kentucky Derby, we have sought to bring our company up to a higher level and I think we’ve accomplished it.”

Bradley Weisbord was recommended for the position with Team Valor by Craig Bandoroff (right, with Holly), who as the owner with his wife Holly of Denali Stud, formed a “strategic alliance” earlier this year with TVI. “I think he is a perfect fit,” said Bandoroff, who not only houses all of Team Valor’s domestic stock at his Paris farm, but is a partner in several horses, as well at the training barn at Fair Hill training center.

Weisbord comes to Team Valor from a stable that developed some of the best young horses in North America over the last two campaigns, including Eskendereya and Nehro. The former was an untimely defection after being a heavy choice to win the Kentucky Derby and the latter ran second this year to Team Valor’s Animal Kingdom in the 137th Kentucky Derby.



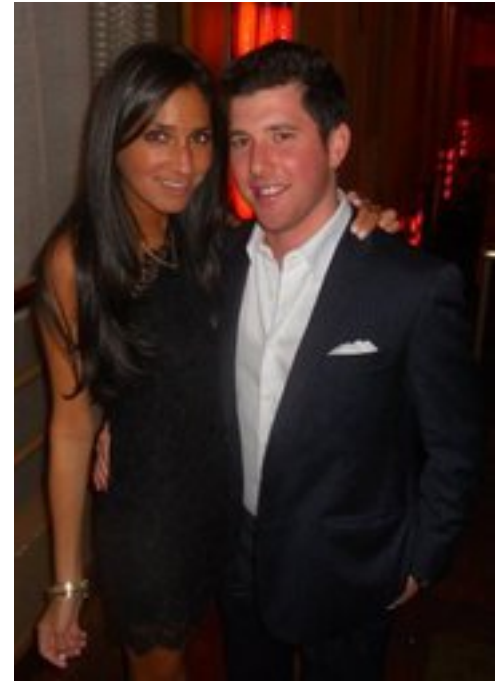
CEO Irwin said “If one takes Midwest Thoroughbreds out of the equation because they have more than 200 horses, it means that Bradley is leaving the top money-winning stable in the United States to work for the number two money-winning stable. Any way one looks at this, I think they would have to conclude that we have scored ourselves quite a little coup in getting him on board.

“We have big plans for the immediate future. I need to free myself to spend more time promoting the company. Bradley can step right in and make an impact. This will allow the company to grow. My intention is for Bradley to learn the ropes at Team Valor and eventually have him run the company, which in turn would provide me with the luxury of concentrating on things that I do best.”

In order to provide an incentive for his new employee, Irwin has created a structure that will find Weisbord (right, with Rebecca Miller) becoming an equity holder in TVI in as early as 3 years, with larger interests over time.

“I fully expect Bradley to become experienced enough with our operation to move into a different phase of the business and be running the stable. I don’t plan to go anywhere, but I have reached a point where I think the company would be best served by having me spend my time more fully implementing my over all vision for Team Valor.”

Weisbord said “I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity Mr. Zayat gave me at a young age and for the trust he put in me to run his stable. We enjoyed a lot of success on the track, winning more than 120 races in a year and a half, while racing 19 stakes winners, among them 9 graded stakes winners and 4 grade 1 winners.



“I’ll never forget Eskendereya's 10-length win in the Wood Memorial and Nehro's second in the Kentucky Derby. I will continue to root for Mr. Zayat's blue and yellow silks as much as I always have. I can't think of another owner in my lifetime, with the exception of Bob and Beverly Lewis, who has been as successful buying unraced stock and turning them into successful racehorses. I wish the Zayat Stables team all the best.

“I am looking forward to working with Barry Irwin and the Team Valor International team. As they come off their most exciting year, having had a Breeders' Cup winner in Pluck and the Kentucky Derby winner in Animal Kingdom, I only hope I can play a part in having the thrills for the partners to continue to roll. I am very fortunate to be able to work in an industry that is also my hobby and I hope to lead Team Valor into the future.”

Official owner standings		Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Midwest Thoroughbreds	774	223	142	102	\$3,230,083
2	George and Lori Hall	141	30	26	20	\$2,697,663
3	<i>Zayat Stables</i>	145	35	22	14	\$2,648,216
4	<i>Team Valor</i>	40	10	7	2	\$2,431,754

Standings with combined stats*		Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Midwest Thoroughbreds	774	223	142	102	\$3,230,083
2	<i>Team Valor</i>	71	16	10	10	\$2,704,515
3	George and Lori Hall	141	30	26	20	\$2,697,663
4	<i>Zayat Stables</i>	145	35	22	14	\$2,648,216

*Some horses race in the name of Team Valor and a partner

