

MEGAN JONES IS NEW VICE-PRESIDENT OF TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDER BARRY IRWIN PROMOTES 29-YEAR-OLD CLEMSON GRADUATE IRWIN: “TIME FOR HER TO STEP UP AND LEARN TO TAKE OVER THE STABLE”

Megan McLeod Jones, 29, today has been promoted from director of client relations with Team Valor International to vice-president of the company.

Barry Irwin, founder, president and owner of TVI LLC, said “It is time for her to step up and learn to take over the stable. She knows the company, she knows the clients, she knows the horses, she knows the stable staff and she is a tireless worker with a love for the game and Team Valor.



“Megan is a natural born entrepreneur, which is something that cannot be taught. She has great instincts, she has a lot of confidence and I plan to groom her to take over operating the business. It is not something that will happen overnight, but I feel she will be fully up to the task within a few years.”

Irwin stressed that he will continue to be at the helm of Team Valor and is likely never to fully retire. “I like it too much,” he said. “But I foresee turning the reins over to Megan, who will handle the day to day activities before too long. Megan has a lot of great ideas that have been percolating in that active mind of hers. I for one look forward to seeing what she can bring to the table once she is let loose.”

South Carolina-born Miss Jones attended Clemson University, where she earned undergraduate and masters degrees in marketing, completing her education in 2008. Shortly afterward she was hired by Team Valor to fill in for Amy Collingsworth following the delivery of her first child. Miss Jones is now into her sixth year working at Team Valor.

“Megan started at the bottom and learned the ropes from the ground up,” said Irwin. “She has been a constant surprise, as she turned out to be an outstanding writer and has contributed wonderfully to the *Insiders’ Bulletin* for the last several years. The clients adore her stories.

“Importantly, Megan shares my adventurism. She has hosted trips to such faraway spots as Australia, Dubai, South Africa and England. She liked South Africa so much she wanted to move there and work for TVI in Cape Town. She would have thrived there, but I worried about her safety and pulled the plug on that venture. Going forward from here, Megan and I are on the same page in terms of our goals for Team Valor’s horses and its racing partners.”

An avid sportswoman true to the traditions of the South, Miss Jones rides, shoots and hunts. She first rode horses at age 2 and began competing on the show circuit aboard hunters and jumpers at age 8. Miss Jones competed extensively in the South through her teenage years.

Because of her globetrotting trips with Team Valor, Miss Jones these days is down to one horse, the former stable color bearer Badleroibrown. A contemporary and paternal sibling of Animal Kingdom, the gelding is stabled near Fair Hill in the spring/summer and Delray Beach in the fall and winter.