

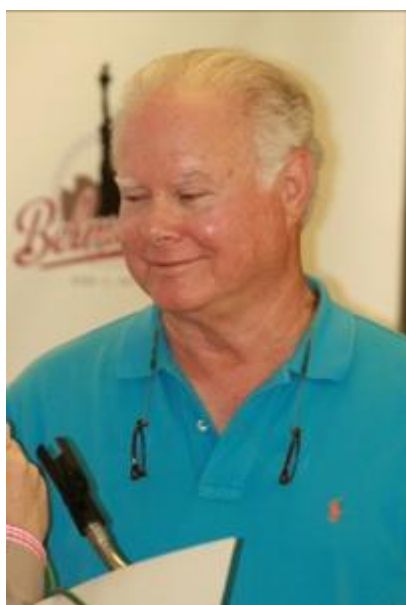
**BARRY IRWIN FEATURED IN WEEKLY THOROUGHBRED NOTEBOOK Q & A
TEAM VALOR LEADER QUIZZED ABOUT HORSES, HEROES, AND MEMENTOS**

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FEATURES

Two-Minute Lick: **Barry Irwin**



Barry Irwin is a former fiction writer who, in 1969, became a staff writer for *The Blood-Horse*. He returned to his home state to write for and later edit the *Thoroughbred of California* magazine. He also wrote a Southern California column in *Daily Racing Form (DRF)* and hosted radio and television programs on racing.

During that period, he became an owner and won with his first two starters. Irwin left DRF at the close of the 1978 Del Mar meet to become a bloodstock agent on a full-time basis. In 1987, Irwin co-founded Clover Racing Stable, which later became Team Valor. Through those racehorse syndicate organizations, Irwin bred, raced, syndicated, bought and sold several hundred horses, including *It's the One*, *African Sky*, *Moscow Ballet* and *Torsion*.

In 2007, Irwin bought out longtime partner Jeff Siegel and renamed his stable Team Valor International, which campaigned 2011 Kentucky Derby winner *Animal Kingdom*. Team Valor International partnerships annually donate one percent of their worldwide racetrack earnings—and Team Valor International, itself, matches that figure—to The Race For Education, a charity offering college scholarships to the children of backstretch and farm workers.

Name	Barry Irwin
Hometown	Long Beach, California
My favorite childhood memory	Watching Native Dancer race on TV
Most influential person in my career	Kent Hollingsworth, editor of <i>The Blood-Horse</i>
My out-of-the-box idea for Thoroughbred Racing	Take governments and politicians out of racing, move all tracks to Indian reservations and create a new circuit of clubs that would eliminate due process and allow racetracks to invite the participants they want.
How I was introduced to Thoroughbred Racing	By a boyfriend of my dad's sister. He was a horseplayer and he took me to the races against the wishes of my family.
Other sports/teams I follow	Lakers, Patriots, Eagles, University of Kentucky basketball
Why I love competing in Thoroughbred racing	Other than track and field in the Olympics, I've never found another sport that can generate the intense excitement or competition of horse racing. I used to run track and I get a bigger kick out of winning a horse race than a human race.
My Heroes	J. D. Salinger, Kent Hollingsworth, Ernest Hemingway, Mel Brooks, Rafer Johnson
What about myself would surprise those who know me	I am uncomfortable receiving congratulations for my accomplishments.
My favorite athletes of all-time	Usain Bolt (sprinter), Charlie Dumas (high jumper), Rafer Johnson (decathlon), Mel Patton (sprinter), Michael Jordan, Jesse Owens (sprinter), Sandy Koufax, Tiger Woods, Jim Ryun (miler)
Most treasured possession/memento	A medal for winning Los Angeles City championship in high jump as a high school sophomore
A Pet Peeve	Cigar smoke
What book(s) I am reading or recently read	<i>Nine Stories</i> by J. D. Salinger
Favorite Magazines	<i>New Yorker</i> , <i>Atlantic Monthly</i>

Favorite websites I visit daily/weekly	TDN, The Blood-Horse, Timeform, Racing Post (England) and Sporting Post (So Africa)
Gadget I cannot live without	cell phone
Hobbies away from Thoroughbred Racing	Track & field, college basketball, professional football, golf
Favorite movies	The Big Lebowski, Broadway Danny Rose, The Producers, Dr. Strangelove, A Thousand Clowns, Best in Show
TV shows I watch	Curb Your Enthusiasm, Saturday Night Live
Favorite foods	Lobster, steak, asparagus, eggplant, mushrooms, kosher pickles
Favorite vacation spot	Cape Town, South Africa
What I drive	Nissan Altima
If I could be a guest on any tv talk show it would be	I don't watch regular TV so I have no clue. I weaned myself off TV 25 years ago and I feel that I am all the better for it!
Favorite Musician/Band	Imelda May
Favorite Actor	Jeff Bridges
Newspaper I read daily	News dispatched on Google News
Favorite artist	Vinnie van Gogh
I'd like to have dinner with the following three people	Queen Elizabeth II, John Magnier, Bill Withers
Best racetrack food can be found at	Keeneland
Accomplishment I am most proud of	Breeding Animal Kingdom and winning the Kentucky Derby with him
My philosophy on life	Where there is a will, there is a way
Favorite quote or motto	Never give up
Things I collect	Sporting art
Favorite charities	Renaissance Retirement Home in Missouri, The Race for Education, Lope equine rescue, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation
Favorite authors	J. D. Salinger, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Nelson Algren, James Joyce, Nathaniel West, Ring Lardner, Mark Twain
Favorite animal other than a horse	Dog
What actor would play me in a movie	Jack Nicholson
Favorite non-Thoroughbred racing sports event I have attended	Olympic Trials (several over the years but the best one was at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon in Eugene in 2008)
Three words that define what Thoroughbred Racing means to me	Grace, courage, speed
What historical figure do you most identify with	J. D. Salinger
What living person do you most admire	Alec Head
No. 1 Bucket List Item	Going to the Olympic Games 2012 in London

