

TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL TURF TOURS, MEGAN JONES WILL HEAD THREE TOURS EACH YEAR STARTING JANUARY, SOUTH AFRICA ONCE AND UNITED KINGDOM/EUROPE TWICE EACH YEAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MADE UP OF REGULAR CLIENTS AND NEWCOMERS



Team Valor is launching International Turf Tours, the brainchild of Megan Jones, who will co-host 3 trips abroad annually beginning in January. Each year, Team Valor will travel to South Africa and twice to the United Kingdom or Europe. First of the three 2011 trips, specifically targeting Cape Town, racing, a safari and a winery tour, will begin January 15 and conclude on January 31. Barry Irwin will join Miss Jones as co-host for this trip.

Miss Jones' idea of creating the tours came from the stable's first trip to South Africa last April. "The camaraderie that developed among our partners was amazing," she said. "Life-long friendships were developed and many of participants have visited one another many times since the trip in April.

Miss Jones' plan for the initial year of trips is for the make-up of participants to be 20 people, half of whom are existing clients and half of whom are newcomers. "I told Barry I thought we should make an effort to create a program to have 3 such tours a year, because the partners love it. By inviting some prospective partners, I think they would enjoy it and be encouraged to take the leap into horse ownership. So our plan is to have seasoned partners and newcomers mingle during the trip, with the veteran clients available to share their experiences with the newbies."



"The first trip will be centered in glorious Cape Town with all it has to offer, including trips to farms, race courses, wineries and incomparable vistas of beaches, coves, sunsets, rocky peaks and harbors. The initial stop upon landing in Africa will be safari in the Mpumalanga, an experience so humbling and thrilling it is difficult to convey to people until they get out there in the bush themselves.



"Centerpiece of the Cape Town trip will be the renewal of the J & B Met, which stands alongside the Durban July as the most prestigious race in Africa. The inaugural Cape Town select yearling sale will be held in downtown Cape Town. Team Valor not only plans to buy some yearlings, but will offer two for sale at the public auction.

"We expect to see racing action at Kenilworth, featuring Russian Sage in The Met, as well as On Her Toes, Ebony Flyer and My Kazzie in Grade 1 action on The Met card."

Partners interested in learning more about the trip to South Africa are asked to contact Megan Jones at (859) 533-8545 or email her at teamvalor3@aol.com. Applications for the trip now being accepted.