



## **SERA/SEDRA 100 Mile Achievement Award**

**Introduction:** The sports of Endurance Riding and Competitive Trail were based on an ultimate challenge for horse and rider. The Three Day 100 mile CTR was based on the Cavalry Remount test. The one-day 100 mile endurance ride was based on the quest to determine if a horse and rider could safely ride 100 miles in one day. The two-day 100 mile endurance ride evolved later as a different but equally challenging event. The Pioneer endurance ride has been the most recent addition to distance riding and is based on multiple consecutive days of at least 50 miles each day. They are all long distance rides that test the horses ability and condition and the rider's horsemanship.

The commonality shared by Endurance and CTR is much greater than the differences. In the Southeast it is very common for riders to do both. They both depend on a unique bond between horse and rider and they both demand the best out the horse and rider. They both depend on exacting preparation and they both hold the welfare of the horse paramount. This is particularly true for the ultimate challenges in the two sports – the 100 mile ride, be it the 3 Day 100 CTR, the two-day 100 mile endurance ride, a Pioneer ride or the one-day 100 mile endurance ride.

The Southeast Endurance Riders Association (SERA) and the South Eastern Distance Riding Association (SEDRA) have joined forces in a program to stimulate the growth in these foundations to the sport of long distance horse back riding in the Southeastern United States.

**One 100 Mile Achievement Award:** This award is established in order to reward the achievement in the 100-mile or greater distance ride. The time duration for completion of the requirements for the award is open ended and can be done at the riders pace. The sport of distance riding is about the bond between the horse and rider. This is an award that goes to a horse and rider team.

*Award Requirement:* To receive this recognition, the same rider on the same horse (rider/horse team) must successfully complete three events in any combination of a Three Day 100 Mile Competitive Trail Ride, a Two Day 100 Mile Endurance ride, Pioneer Endurance ride or a One Day 100 Mile Endurance ride. To be eligible for consideration the competitive trail ride must be SEDRA sanctioned and the endurance rides must be both SERA and SEDRA sanctioned.

*Eligibility:* For a ride to count toward the award, the rider must be a member of both SERA and SEDRA at the time of the ride.

*Time To Finish the Requirements:* There is no set time limit in which the required rides must be completed.

*Proof of Completion:* It will be the rider's responsibility to notify SERA and/or SEDRA of a successfully completed rides. SERA/SEDRA will validate the completion in their records.

**Award Recognition:** The recognition for the award will be a monogrammed cooler for the horse. The monogramming will recognize the unique achievement for which the award was earned. The award will be presented at either the SEDRA yearly membership meeting or the SERA yearly membership meeting – at the choice of the rider with the accomplishment mentioned at the other meeting.

**Nomination:** A rider must nominate his horse for this program. They can do that either through SERA or SEDRA. A common record will be maintained of all nominated riders. There will be a nominal nomination fee of \$20.00 for each rider/horse team. A rider/horse team must be nominated at the time of a ride. A rider/horse team that has achieved an award can renominate and receive additional awards upon the satisfaction of the requirements. Subsequent awards – after the first – will recognize the additional accomplishments. The nomination fees will be set aside in a separate fund to support the program.

**How to Nominate:** Nomination for this program can be accomplished with either SERA or SEDRA. Applications for this program can be downloaded from either the SEDRA or SERA websites. The SEDRA Web site is <http://www.distanceriding.com/> and for SERA <http://www.seraonline.org>.