

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST WORLD MASTERS ENDURANCE RIDE

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The 120 km endurance ride held by Queensland's South Burnett Club on June 30th was a landmark event. It was the first Australian phase of the World Masters competition, created by Ambassador Endurance Management, Paris in collaboration with the FEI and the UAE Racing and Equestrian Federation.

In this tournament, competing in one of five geographical zones, riders take part in a maximum of ten nominated

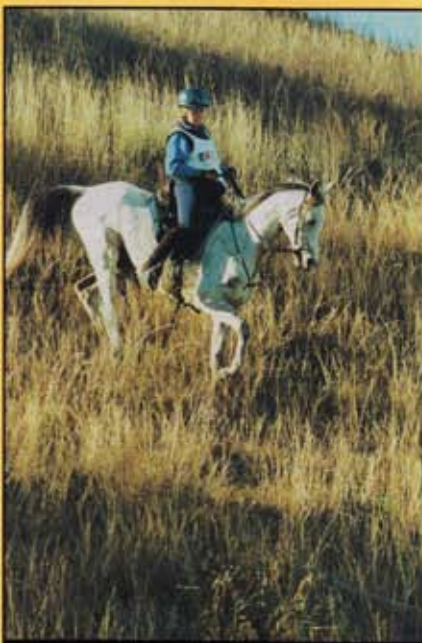
events for the titles of Continental Champion, Zone Champion and, finally, World Champion. Prize money will total US\$1,500,000.

At the inaugural Australian leg of this remarkable series, 24 riders were registered in the Masters series, taking the track with 43 others, 12 of whom were Young Riders. Forty-two, including ten Young Riders, completed the course successfully. All but one of the vet-outs were for lameness.

Ride Base was at Burrandowan racecourse, 60 kilometres from peanut-pro-



A jubilant Meg Wade with Kurrajong Sequel after winning the ride and being awarded Best Conditioned.



Penny Toft and La Creme successfully negotiating the hilly terrain.



Jan Tyrrell on Chandri (16th) leading Tanya Trevarthen on Cedar Glen Sebastian (19th).



Sue Crockett and Express finished in 17th place.

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2nd in the Young Riders Kristie McGaffin riding Wybeena Lodge Shushka.