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Rider of the Month

Whenever Stuart Tinney goes to his stables he delights in every horse in every box. Each is a pleasure to train. "I just love riding them", he said.

"I have two four-star ones, Vettori, a part Warmblood originally from New Zealand, owned by Kathy Ward and Peter O'Connell and Tallyho Sambucca, a Trakehner / Thoroughbred, owned by Andrea and Andrew Roberts. He went to Adelaide four star mainly as a qualifier, he's only 8. He stepped up to the mark very well.

"I have a new mare, Panamera. She has a little bit of Warmblood in her and is owned by Tim Game, who had Carrera and Boxter with us some years ago. She's 7 and will now be going three star. And then there's Pucci and Brian Graham's Don Panache by Don Ramiro who won Lakes and Craters' two-star at the end of 2006.

"All are being aimed towards the Olympics."

And all were instrumental in his topping the Saddleworld leader board for which he is very grateful. "As I am to all my sponsors – Horseland, Cosequin, Bates, Coprice and NatureVet."

Since steeplechasing and roads and tracks were removed from three-day-eventing the sport is now more Warmblood friendly – galloping is at a minimum.

"But I would still love a Thoroughbred and am continually on the lookout for one."

He feels Germany is going to be very hard to beat in the international arena. "It's done very well since the changes which we knew would happen. These horses cost a lot of money and many are government owned."

"We need to be pro-active or we'll be left behind. In the past if you were a very good rider you could still win on



a horse that had a weakness in one of the phases, now your horse has to be solid at a high level in all three. Some of our performance bred horses are pretty good but we have to compete against overseas buyers who often have a lot more money that we do."

"We need sponsors, owners and investors if we're to continue winning medals. On the one hand I wish the sport had remained the same because it gave Australia the opportunity to win more medals, Thoroughbred horses performed well in the old format, but personally I'm very happy about not having to ride roads and tracks, and it also means the horses can go on in the sport for many more years."

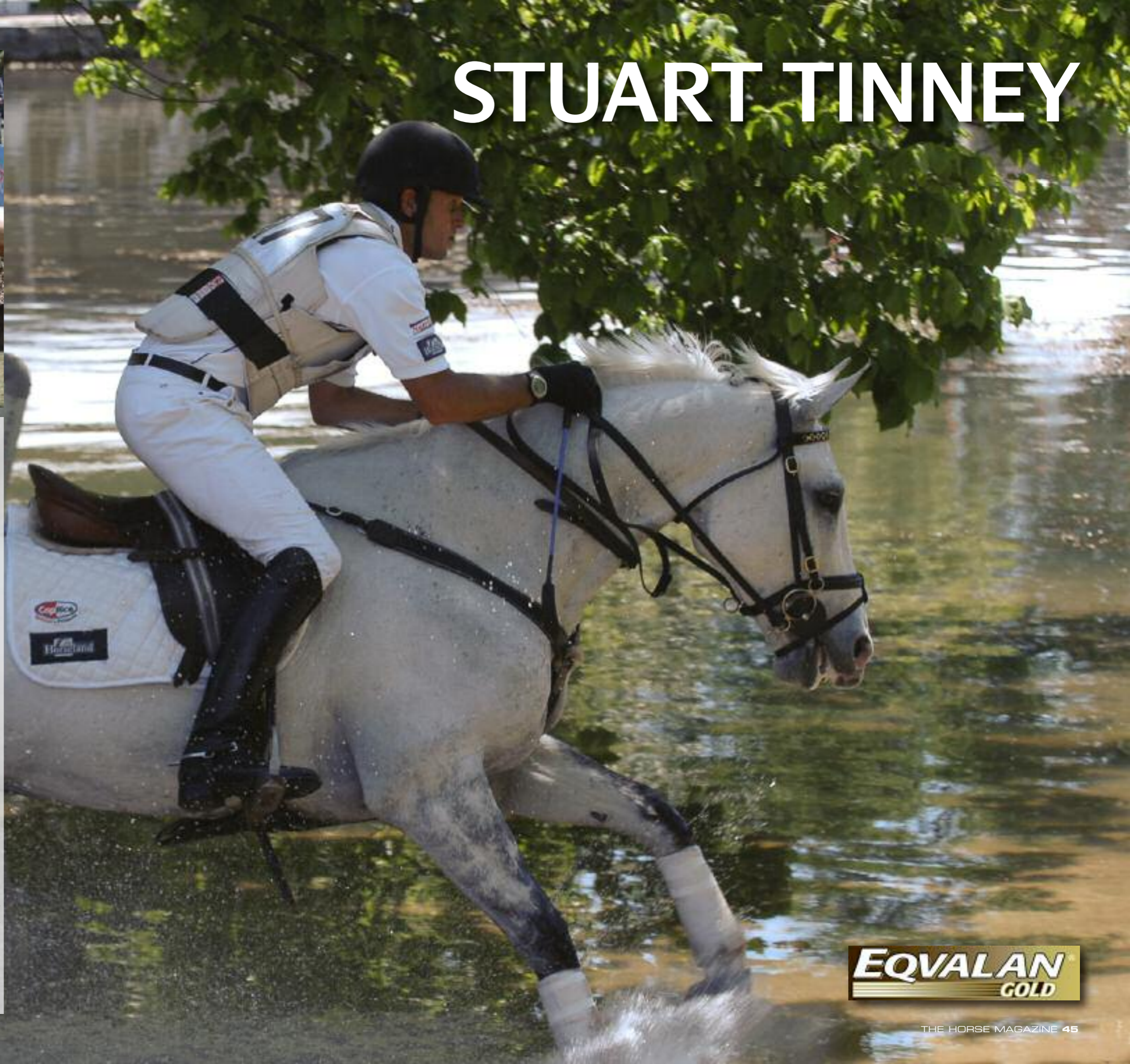
Stuart also intends to ride for many more years.

"I'm 42 and I'll keep going for as long as my body allows me to – it's alright at the moment – and for as long as I enjoy it. And right now I'm enjoying it more than I have ever done before."

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