

**Press Release;**

**Ponies Association (UK) Southern Winter Championships.**

The sun shone all three days at the Ponies (UK) Southern Winter Championships. The excellent surfaces and amazing facilities of Towerlands Park encouraged some serious competitors to make their first appearance for years.

Joan Lee-Smith celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday at the show and presented her Lee-Smith National Championship to Cathy Palmer on the outstanding Sahereca Gracious Gift. The same combination went on to beat 29 National Champions to claim the Supreme of the Show.

Dylan Thomas II owned by Mrs K Chapman and the Mirage SHP Champion Van Gogh ridden by Katie White for Linda White Hillyard looked a bit special.

The Llanarth winners are well established stars, all of which appeared to have wintered well. The Confined Novice Llanarth Champion Delami D'Artagnon ridden by Katie White for Linda Hillyard and Shilstone Dunna Brook look set for a great season. Zak Hobbs winner of the Chesham Handler is definitely the star to knock Simon Charlesworth off the top spot and impress the in hand world.

