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Zheming Zhang keeps a firm grip on the Northern Counties Junior Chess Championship Sinclair Trophy which he won for the first time last year at Penrith. Zheming is pictured here being presented with the trophy by arbiter, Lara Barnes, at last weekend's County Durham Congress at Houghton-le-Spring.

Zheming scored 3/5 in the Major Section of the adult tournament. Nearest rival Joseph Dalton also scored 3/5 (enough to win him a Grading Prize), but in the Minor section. It is a moot point as to who would win the title if Joe's score had better than Zheming's.

Former NJCA member, David Eggleston is the new Northern Counties Champion, beating Jonathan Hawkins on tie-break.