

The success of a recent Ben Beaver Jugglers' Club competition, with the winning pair using the Jugglers' Club (JC) System, made me wonder if there are any players out there who would like to know more about the system.

Why would anyone want to learn the system? Well, mainly because it is great fun to play! (and the basic system is not difficult!)

JC has a wide array of weak opening bids and overcalls. This means you can open/compete on 80% to 90% of hands, which is a lot of fun. These weak bids can also cause the opponents to have genuine dilemmas – I told you it was fun.

Playing JC makes every hand potentially interesting: apart from competing on weak and moderate hands, there are ways to make slam enquiries safely below game level, when the bridge gods (eventually) give you better cards!

JC has a reputation for being complicated. This is at least partly because its practitioners are compelled by the Laws of Bridge to flourish an alert card whenever a bid does not strictly accord with its meaning under mainstream systems. Like most systems, however, JC can be played at a basic level, with any number of gadgets added on to taste. The important bit is that both partners are using the same add-ons!

So, if you want to spend less of the auction putting PASS cards on the table, and more of it brandishing an ALERT card, come to Eddie Thornton-Chan's Jugglers' Club seminar on Monday 27th November at **Manchester Bridge Club**, 2pm. The seminar will last for two to two and a half hours. There is no charge for this event, even to non-Manchester Bridge Club members, and tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided.

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