

Congratulations!

Peter C. Boyd-Bowman

I first got Peter James really interested in bridge during our Caribbean wedding cruise in 2006 when each of our four children was allowed to bring a friend or spouse along. Peter James and former classmate asked my wife and me to help them with their bridge game, and for the next seven days we had a ball playing cards. Since that time, I've rarely seen someone improve so much and so fast... truly a student of the game. I also remember how much fun it was to take Peter James and his partners along to numerous Regional knockout events where we could reap the benefit of his growing skills while simultaneously getting placed in lower brackets.... obviously, those days are long gone. Congratulations my Son, we are so very proud of your achievement!

Kathy Coop

Peter is my favorite person, so it makes sense that he's also my favorite bridge player. Most people would describe bridge as a game of logic but, for Peter, bridge is both intellectual and emotional. He's a serious student of the game who knows the conventions, the plays, and the probabilities, but he's also intensely passionate. I've seen his agony when he blows a contract in an important game and his pure joy when he makes it off a difficult play. He can also be very creative, he's a great teacher, and he finds lots of opportunities for humor too. Peter at the table is the full package.

Sue Cooper

When this "kid" appeared on the bridge scene, we wondered about him and quickly heard that he was big Peter Boyd-Bowman's son named Peter. Should we call him Junior? or little Peter? I chose to call him P.B. I had the pleasure of playing with P. B. on numerous occasions and his skills so improved. One day he pointed out I could have made a contract had I played a different suit. From then until now Peter has certainly learned the game. He has become an excellent bridge director, teacher, and professional always willing to answer questions and solve bridge problems. It took me years to reach 10,000 points and seems to have taken P. B. only a few months! (maybe just a little longer). So CONGRATULATIONS, P. B. Way to go, Buddy!

Dan Fowler

Peter has been a "rising star" in District 7 and Unit 169 for several years. Besides the fact that he is an excellent intuitive player, he is a pleasant partner with a wide variety of players near, far and in the virtual world of on-line play. Peter and I are Unit 169 reps to the District 7 Board of Directors and attend almost every Saturday morning meeting together at our Regionals (awake or not!).

Peter has done a great job organizing and directing several of our on-line games and this should keep our area bridge game alive and well when we can resume face-to-face competition (this cursed pandemic WILL be overcome).

Attaining the 10K Platinum Life Master milestone is a momentous accomplishment and Peter has done it in a relatively short number of years (so it's NOT just an attendance award as many have said!). I wish him much success in the future and hope he someday wins that national championship to qualify him for the Grand Life Master designation - which has so far eluded me!

Bob Hale

Peter and I both had virtually no masterpoints when we both started playing duplicate in Greensboro about 15 years ago. Early on, he and Cathy and Claudia and I played knockouts together and we quickly found out that we had other similar interests and frequently socialized together. What became apparent was that his mind worked faster than mine and he seemed amazed that I could not pick up bidding and other bridge concepts as quickly as he could. Now it is 10,000 MP's later, for him anyway, and my mind still does not work as fast as his does. It has been very rewarding for me to watch my friend continue to develop and become one of the best bridge players in the country. I am proud to call him a friend.

Josh Hoffman

I first met Peter James not as a bridge player, but as my student. That's right, Peter was a philosophy major at UNC-Greensboro, where I taught philosophy for four decades. I had known his father and step-mother, of course, from the local club games and tournaments. Philosophy at UNCG was highly analytical, not for the faint of heart. Peter was an excellent philosophy student, and he took at least 3 of my classes. Somehow, I learned that he was interested in duplicate, and we decided to play together. Needless to say, Peter was a terrific player from the start. We had a lot of success. That was a long time ago, and Peter is now a bridge professional and has reached the heights of 10,000 masterpoints. I congratulate him for this wonderful achievement, and for his contributions to bridge as a director and teacher as well.

Alex Hudson

For someone who claims to be an introvert (BS), PBB is very outgoing and emotionally open. He frequently reacts emotionally at the table and in other things, but he always does so from a desire to win, to improve, and also to help others do the same. He has always been willing to devote his time and energy to helping the game through teaching, administration, etc and even, in at least one instance, by scolding another player for their poor treatment of others. He has been my best friend in the bridge world for the better part of a decade now and while we don't get to play together as often as we once did, I wouldn't trade my friendship and time spent with him for the world.

Bill Wisdom

Congrats on 10K, Peter. Peter has been a great asset to the unit and to the Greensboro players. I have played with him a few times before and during the pandemic and have enjoyed all the games. His meteoric rise ALMOST requires a censor.