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The quote "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players" by Warren Buffett might as well be attributed to Parimal Vahalia, my foremost teacher (since 20xx), a frequent partner and a dear friend. To him, work is for people who do not play Bridge.

His passion and devotion to the game know no bounds. Luckily for countless Bridge students, it's not his pursuit of individual accomplishments and glory but to teach and share the game with anyone who's interested in learning it.

Coaching seminars at Raibidpura (MP), Hissar (Haryana), Pondicherry (Tamilnadu), Jaipur (J &K students), Surat, IIM, Gujarat University and Rajpath Club and Orient Club (all Gujarat) stand as examples of his desire to light a bridge spark in young minds. He's also visited China and Nederlands as the coach for our National Juniors teams.

His true reward for all his efforts and sacrifices is seeing 15+ students competing in International tournaments (including his own daughter Ketaki representing India in 1993) over the years and like Kalpana Gurjar (individual Gold medal) and with Vidya Patel (silver) of MP, making history at the 2022 Youth World Championships in Italy.

I feel it's his sense of humor that keeps him going. He'd often say that Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

I wish his website every success.