



**Greg Peterson  
Owner and President  
Peters Billiards**

Never one to take “no” for an answer, Greg Peterson built his first billiards table at the age of 15 following his father’s refusal to purchase one. What began as a teenager’s creative solution soon turned into a life-long passion, and just eight years later Greg Peterson became the new owner of Peters Billiards.

For more than three decades, Peters Billiards has thrived under Peterson’s leadership and has become a Minneapolis landmark. The store is the oldest and largest Twin Cities single-store retailer of in-home games and recreation equipment and has enjoyed steady growth during its 50-year history.

Peterson’s love of billiards developed quickly after building his first table. He soon began making billiard tables for sale and developed a particular interest and expertise in restoring antique tables. During this time he also became a frequent customer at Peters Billiards and developed a friendship with the founder and then-owner Ken Peters.

In 1972, Peterson turned his passion into a profession and bought Peters Billiards. Over the years, Peterson has gradually grown the business and expanded the store’s product lines beyond billiards to include bar and kitchen stools, in-home theater equipment, artwork and lighting. His ability to recognize in-home trends and understand consumer needs has successfully guided Peters Billiards through various cycles of the in-home game category.

Peterson is one of the leading experts and collectors of antique billiard tables in the country. His current collection includes more than 85 antique tables, ranging from a one-of-a-kind table that has inlays of pearl, brass and exotic hardwoods to a Union League table he restored after it had sat sideways in a chicken coop for 40 years.

One of Peterson’s secrets to success has been to keep Peters Billiards a true family affair since day one. Today, more than a dozen family members work in all areas of the business – a true testament to the family-friendly feel Peterson has always maintained in the store. Original owner Ken Peters also continues to work for the company as a custom builder of the Peters line of billiard tables.

Peterson attended the University of Minnesota where he studied architecture. He lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Edina with his family.

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