



# StrathPotomac Fiddler

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## News from the November Board Meeting

The PVSFC Board of Directors met in November and unanimously elected the following slate of officers for the 2009-2010 year:

Becky Ross, President  
Elke Baker, Executive Vice President  
Basil Manns, Treasurer  
David Anker, Secretary

Doug Scott once again agreed to serve as Commissioner of Whiskey and Lieutenant of Membership; Peter Walker returned as Grillmeistermaster and Commissioner of Games; Basil Manns retained the position of Grand Organizer of Dance; Barbara Salinas was once again appointed Purveyor of Venues and John Ward consented to serve as Grand Emeritus and E-Mailer of Newsletter.

A resounding “mòran taing” to outgoing PVSFC President Julie Gorka and Secretary Catherine Chapman. Catherine remains on the Board, while Julie (and Angus) are enjoying life in North Carolina.

## November Fiddle Club Meeting Report

by Marilyn Moriarty

The November meeting was held in Annandale, Virginia, at the house of Rhonda Hotop. Elke's choice of songs was from the very respected and popular composer and fiddler Jerry Holland. He died from cancer in July 2009, still a young man of 54.

Elke taught us two songs by ear, and shared a total of twelve tunes! The first ear tune, a reel called “Cranking Out,” was played with much enthusiasm. The other tunes were perhaps named for special people in Jerry's life. Our next ear tune was a jig named “Arthur Muise,” followed by Mom's Jig” and “A Reel for Carl” (with four sharps!). Then we had a strathspey, “Hilda's Slow Strathspey, and a hornpipe, “Mary Claire,” in the key of E. I think Jerry liked donuts as the next song was “Tim Horton,” which just has to be the fast food place in Canada. Then we had a set of reels, “Joey Beaton” and “Father John Angus Rankin.” This was followed by a strathspey called “A Time for Glendale,” which I believe was a place where a group of Cape Breton fiddlers gathered for a festival, and lastly a reel named “Robert Stubbert.”

After all that hard work, the group enjoyed the food and the fiddle jam that followed. We thank Elke for sharing Jerry's music with us. He will be missed.

### Get Your Fiddle Club T-Shirts!

Don't forget our line of PVSFC t-shirts when buying gifts for family, friends or even yourself! Our standard “Fiddling Lion” logo t-shirt comes in yellow (red logo) and blue (white logo) and in two styles: Ladies-cut t-shirt or the Hanes Beefy-Tee. Shirts are \$15 and are available from Becky Ross at the next PVSFC meeting.