

GRAPEVINE

The newsletter of the Perth International Folk Dancers
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Welcome to *GRAPEVINE*. This is the first of (hopefully) many regular newsletters available only to members of the Perth International Folk Dance Group.

Throughout following months, *GRAPEVINE* will bring you, not only the latest news and views of the Perth International Folk Dancers, but will also build into a useful reference of dance descriptions, history and background. A regular feature will be short summaries of dances taught each monday.

Articles, views, suggestions, dance descriptions and histories are sought for future issues of *GRAPEVINE*.

1989 AGM

The recent AGM produced a great deal of discussion about many problems facing the group at present. Among these were lesson format, problems of retaining beginners and poor Workshop attendance. Many of these issues have been further discussed by your committee, some of their suggestions will be outlined later in this *GRAPEVINE*. Discussion at the AGM had to be halted (otherwise we would still be there!), however submissions regarding teaching and related issues are welcomed and should be passed, in writing, to the secretary (Jenny).

Membership

At the AGM, membership rates for 1990 were set at \$15 and \$11 for concessional members. Members benefit from reduced charges for regular dance nights (\$1 off), workshops and other special events. In addition, future issues of *GRAPEVINE* will only be available to members. At an average of only 30 cents a monday night, it's cheap at twice the price [now that's an idea!]. Please pay your membership fees to the Treasurer (Peter). Lesson fees remain the same, \$3 for non members (lesson+dancing) and \$2 for members.

New Hall

PIFD are on the move again. Time restrictions at the Jersey St Scout Hall have prompted us to look for an alternate venue. This has proven a difficult task in the past and promises to be no less difficult this time. Perhaps you can help. If you know of a hall that fits the following criteria:

- wooden floor
- available from 7pm (6:15 preferably)
- our own key to open up and lock up
- somewhere to leave a cupboard to store our gear (tapes etc)
- Central Location (we are open to an interpretation of 'central')
- kitchen and toilet facilities
- hire fee around \$20 per night

please let us know. Consideration should also be given to availability of parking and proximity of neighbors. We don't want to get the residents of Nedlands trying to close us down!

New Years Resolutions

Your committee has decided to try a few ideas designed to encourage less experienced dancers. PIFD teachers will ensure that brief descriptions and 'clues' of new dances are available so that those of us with memories needing more than the occasional 'jog' can request dances in what we should have a modicum of expertise. We will be able to find the name, country of origin, characteristics and the tape on which the dance is located for each teaching session over the year. These will also be summarised in following issues of *GRAPEVINE*.

We will also attempt to streamline the social dancing segment by asking for requests the week before, drawing up a program and having the appropriate tapes cued ready to roll. Never fear, individual needs and spontaneity will still be catered for by keeping a portion of the program available for on the spot requests. When requesting dances, please lookup the tape number and write this down also. More news of these developments will be brought to you in *GRAPEVINE* during 1990.

1990 Draft Timetable

Mon Dec 25	Xmas day - no dancing.
Mon Jan 01	New Year - no dancing.
Mon Jan 08	Dancing resumes.
Sun Feb ??	Picnic with outdoor dancing.
Mon Apr 02	Party Night.
Fri Apr 27-29	Residential Workshop - Point Peron.
Mon Jul 09	Party Night.
Fri Aug 03-05	Residential Workshop - York.
Mon Sep 24	Party Night.
Mon Dec 17	Xmas Party.

Performance Group Notes

Negotiations are underway for a performance during late February 1990. The performance will be for the Scarborough Rotary Charity Night. Full details will appear in the next *GRAPEVINE*.

Dance Descriptions - Kreuz Kroenig

Kreuz Kroenig is a German idiomatic expression which means "King of Clubs". There was a desire for dances with more vivacity and more difficult figures. Four couples in a square was very common in northern Germany. One day the dance was born with no claim to steps or figures of ancient origin.

Gossip

And what a way to finish of the first *GRAPEVINE*. Welcome to our newest dancer, (as yet to be named) Blair, who is expected to arrive some time in June. Congratulations to Eve and David. This is one kid who will be dancing Macedonean long before he/she crawls Australian!