

Amateur Wine Makers of Nebraska

Our Next Meeting is Saturday, February 4th

Sorry if you weren't able to make it to our Holiday Party. We had a nice crowd and a lot of fun. It was great food and conversation and we did a sniffing challenge and let's just say that Ed McClure did not win, but he was entertaining. We also exchanged gifts which is always fun.



Our next meeting will be at the home of Randy & Roma at 4:00 on the 4th. They live at 7101 S. 134th St., Walton, NE. We always have a great time when we go there. We will kick-off our meeting with a round table discussion about wine making. We can talk about problems that have recently been brought to our attention and share with the group what those were and what was done and if our suggestions worked for them. We are open to other topics too, such as Corks – Synthetic, Cork, Screw Caps; Does wine age better in your carboy or bottle? Anything wine making related ☺ is on the table for discussion, so bring your questions, suggestions and experiences.

Please bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine to share. Last year we met at their home in February and it was so nice we were out on the porch. I'm going to see if we can arrange for that again ☺

Our Board recently met and some of the ideas discussed included:

- 🍷 Our next meeting will be in April and we are looking for a volunteer to let us help him start wine making with a kit that he already has. We will help him learn how to get it started and what the next steps are all the way through bottling.
- 🍷 Early June would be the next meeting and we are looking at using that meeting for our team wine competition.
- 🍷 We are considering meeting in July and skipping August since that is harvest time for several of our members.

- 🍷 September is when we typically have our annual picnic, so we will look in to that option and this may be when we distribute our club wine that Chris Payton is taking care of for us. This will be distributed to paid members only.
 - 🍷 John Lang is looking in to Pairing Wine with Food, like we did a few years ago at Meier's Cork and Bottle. He will be calling around to a couple of places to see if we can find something that is affordable for us. If anyone has any suggestions, please let him know.
 - 🍷 Jim Skinner is going to contact other wine clubs to see if what type of activities and meetings they have.
 - 🍷 Another suggestion was doing something instead of a Bus Trip (which has proven to be pretty costly) but a trip to somewhere like Hermann, MO, known as the birthplace of Missouri wine country and home of Stone Hill Winery and much more. We can just meet there or do some carpooling.
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Let us know how your team wine coming. Have you been meeting? We like to get together with our team and enjoy some good conversation and wine, even when we are just transferring. We'll call it teamwork! 😊

If you are have anything you'd like to share with the rest of us, please just let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

We are starting a new policy of only sending the newsletter to paid members. Everyone else can check our website (www.newwineclub.org) for additional information. Julianna is working on getting us on Facebook too.

Please let the Jim Skinner (jmskms52@gmail.com), Chuck Berens (crbvikings@windstream.net) or the John Lange (JTLange@windstream.net) know if you have any questions about any of this or ***if you have suggestions for future meetings***. We are very flexible on what we do.