

## April 17, 2010 Amateur Winemakers of Nebraska Meeting Marc Shoemaker's house

The first "Amateur Winemakers of Nebraska" meeting started off with close to 25 people with a wide range of interests and experience in winemaking, tasting, grape and fruit growing or all three. We had introductions and shared a little about ourselves and what interest we had in the club while sampling wine and eating some snacks. Ideas included: sharing winemaking knowledge, equipment and grapes, problem solving and successes, understanding grape varieties, how to make wine and getting started, using winemaking equipment, planning for the year, explore club interest and dues/benefits. A number of ideas and input from each member helped shape a framework of ideas for future meetings. Butch (Kerry Krause) did a great job developing our website, [newwineclub.org](http://newwineclub.org) and forum. People were asked to send information, links and pictures relative to the club interest to Bart for posting on the site. A discount for Kirk's Brew for paid members is in the development and will be finalized in the June meeting.

Activities planned for the club included: guest speakers, holiday parties, summer picnics, a crush party, field trips to wineries and vineyards, and wine tasting.

After the meeting there was wine to sample brought by a number of people with snacks to munch on. Bart set up a video projection of the new website on the wall so everyone could see how it looked. The next meeting is to be at Prairie View Vineyard to discuss Wine equipment and usage.