

MONTHLY DUES PAYMENT DEADLINES

Dues are due and payable on the first day of each month, and unpaid dues become delinquent on the first day of the following month, leading to late fees, exclusion from meetings of the membership, and disqualification from participation in mail ballots. A member who chooses to pay dues late in the month risks having his dues credited in the next month, exposing that member to the penalties mentioned above. The Club dues office does not operate 24-7, or even every day. The Dues Collector does not wait until 11:59:59 PM Pacific Time (the time zone in which PayPal® operates) on the last day of the month to close out the dues month and begin the new month, but does so during the early afternoon of the last *business* day of the month. Payments not in at the Club building by that time are credited in the next month. The following deadlines govern these activities.

Payment in person: Such payments in cash or by check or money order may be placed in the office mail slot in the lobby of the Club building any time the building is open. The Dues Collector will accept a hand-delivered payment any time he is present – just ring the doorbell if you do not have access to the building. *Do not* place your payment in the mailbox next to the front door. The Post Office is very jealous of their prerogative in delivering the mail to a US mailbox.

Payment by US Mail: The Dues Collector visits the US Post Office about 11 AM on the last day of the month the Post Office is open. A sign on the wall of the box lobby promises that delivery of mail to the boxes will be complete for the day by that time. Mail your payment at a Post Office at least three business days before the last day of the month the Post Office is open to assure timely delivery to us. Mail your payment at a street-corner letter box at least a day earlier than that – those boxes are usually collected earlier in the day than people realize, and not at all on weekends or holidays. Please do not mail payments to the Club's street address (295 Jefferson Avenue). Delivery there is late in the afternoon, well after the bank deposit has been dispatched. All payments by US Mail should be addressed to **PO Box 1146 Union, NJ 07083-1146**.

Payment by PayPal®: Payment by this method is easy and convenient. You can even set up automatic monthly payments so you do not risk missing a payment by inattention. However, this method has the greatest delay between your payment and receipt of notice of that payment. This delay can be more than a week, depending on the circumstances. Payments made after about the twentieth of the month risk missing the end of the month. Please pay early in the month.