

## Newtown Fish and Game Club Membership Payment Policy

The Board of Directors of Newtown Fish and Game Club strives to improve our organization, properties/facilities, and fishing/hunting programs, within the constraints of our annual operating budget, which is based on total membership dues and fees. In preparing our budgets, it is essential that we have a firm membership number early in the year when the budgets are being developed and set. Establishing favorable fish and bird purchase contracts is particularly difficult without knowing the number of members and therefore, the amount of revenue which can be expected. We have been challenged for a number of years with late membership payments that are impacting our ability to budget for member programs. Therefore, we are enlisting the support of our membership to pay the dues invoice in a timely manner. For the majority of members who already pay within 30 days of the receipt of invoice, there will be no changes and we say Thank You.

Starting in 2019, there will be a dues payment plan with increased late fees and deadlines for those members who do not make payments by the due date. Please know that members who have a hardship may submit in writing (e-mail preferred) a letter to the Board of Directors via the Membership Chairman, Gary Sheehan garysheehan25@yahoo.com., requesting a waiver or exemption from these late fees for cause. The letter should be submitted as early as possible, preferably before the payment date.

Members will not have access to Club facilities or member only activities until dues are paid. Date of payment of the dues invoice will be determined by post mark.

- Membership invoices are scheduled to be issued on or before January 1st.
- Invoices not paid by the later of either February 1st, or 30 days from invoice date will be assessed a \$50 late fee.
- Invoices not paid by the later of either March 1st or 60 days from invoice date will be assessed a \$100 late fee.
- Members not paying dues by June 1st will have their membership suspended for the year and will be eligible for reinstatement the following year pending payment of the \$100 late fee and the appropriate dues/fees for that year.