



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

The American Kennel Club wishes to acknowledge Frank Barton in appreciation for his 20 years of dedication and exemplary service to the Master National Retriever Club (MNRC).

Frank began his journey in 2003 running his first Master National event. At the conclusion of this event, he was appointed as the Secretary for the MNRC and has continued to contribute his time ever since.



In 2006 Frank was appointed as the Treasurer and also became the Secretary after both positions were combined.

In 2007 Frank developed the event planning model to predict test times and plan the logistics for the overall management of the event.

In 2008 Frank developed the MNRC Entry System which is still utilized today.

In 2010 Frank was awarded the MNRC Vision Award. This is the highest award an individual can receive from the MNRC. It is awarded to an individual who has the ability to see the vision of what the MNRC is, and its future can be. This award has only been given five times in the past 32 years.

In 2012-2013 Frank relinquished the Secretary and Treasurer positions but remained the Hunt Test Secretary for the next 10 years.

The years of selfless dedication and service by Frank Barton has left a profound mark on the lives of the AKC retrieving community and the Master National Retriever Club.

This is a testament to his character and devotion to the sport of Retriever Hunting Tests throughout the country.