

Life Member: Barbara Sawtelle

Barb has dedicated her free time to the secretarial responsibilities for all Yankee hunt tests and WC/X tests for as long as I can remember.

She handled typing of premiums and entry forms before computer word processing and entry services! She doesn't just handle the AKC or GRCA paperwork. She is an imperative part of all field plans for this club. Barb has by far the best channel of communication with the Park Rangers at West Thompson Dam than any other retriever club secretary in the New England area. The rangers respect her highly, because she is so thorough, never leaving anything amiss.

Barb is a hunt test chair's right hand, from coordinating porta-potties, birds, and ribbons to contacting hospitals and other first responders to inform them of our events. She has a cache of necessary equipment to sell for all new and old field people and can be seen driving around the fields selling the equipment or delivering lunches and water. Any job that needs to be done she is willing to handle.

It is with great pride that I call this woman my friend of many years. She is a team player with Yankee's best interests at heart, and is so very worthy of this award.

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— Donna Morgan