



# Avian Science Notes

University of California - Cooperative Extension

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## California State Avian Bowl Qualifier

February 28, 2015, Fresno

Information and Entry Forms in this Issue

### From Shasta to Louisville

This year's 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference took place in November in a very cold Louisville, Kentucky. "How cold was it?" Well, in the entire history of horse racing at Churchill Downs, the racing card has only been cancelled four times. Two of the four were the Wednesday and Thursday of this year's National Conference.

Chilly temperatures did not weaken the resolve of our California State Avian Bowl Champions. Of the 13 states competing, the California team had the highest average team score on the written test used for seeding of the actual Avian Bowl. The two Shasta County 4-Hers who made up our State team, Kutter Wright and Emma Osborn, ran the winners' bracket. They defeated North Carolina, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania on their way to taking it all.

How did our team of two from California become so successful? Well, they started as Juniors in Avian Bowl, attending competitions in the far north of the state and the State Qualifier. This is the first year the team was eligible for senior competition and took the State Championship, with Mrs. Kris Wright as their Coach. Following their victory this past February in Fresno, they continued to hone their skills by taking in as many Avian Bowl competitions as possible. This included traveling all the way to Costa Mesa to participate in the very competitive Avian Bowl at the Orange County Fair.

I want to congratulate both Kutter and Emma, as well as their support team of Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Gabriela Osborn. Not only were these Californians responsible for bringing the Avian Bowl title back to the Golden State, they were also friendly California Ambassadors at the national event.

L to R: Kutter Wright, Emma Osborn, and John Cole of the Poultry Science Association



# 2015 Avian Bowl Qualifier

At the Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF) Show

Once again I will be holding the State Qualifier at the GCSPF Show. For the second year in a row, I will be able to rent a dedicated building for all the youth activities, including Avian Bowl. There is a building change. For the 2015 show we will be in the Gem and Mineral Building, on the Big Fresno Fairgrounds.

**\*\*\*COACHES:** You must have Avian Bowl teams pre-registered. The entry forms (one for Junior Teams and One for Senior Teams) are enclosed with this issue. Only 2 players of the same age division (Junior or Senior) are required to make a team. A team may have 2, 3, or 4 members. Multiple teams in the same age division may be entered from the same county. You may also make up a team with individual members coming from different counties.

## National Avian Bowl Study Sections for 2015

### National Avian Bowl Manual

<u>Section</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Avian Systems (All)	35-43
Small Turkey Flock Management (All)	45-53
Breeds, Varieties, and Strains (Continental & AOSB)	77-80
Eggyclopedia (Pickled Eggs - Yolk)	139-150
Raising Your Home Chicken Flock	151-161
<b><u>Fact Sheets:</u></b>	
Contributions of Poultry to the Development of Science (All)	169-170
Embryology (Glossary)	193-195

These sections will be used starting at the State Qualifier in Fresno and then for the remainder of 2015.

# HOW TO ORDER THE NATIONAL AVIAN BOWL MANUAL

The National Avian Bowl Manual is available from the Clemson University Publishing Bulletin Room. The cost is \$15.00 per copy (plus shipping charges) and may be ordered online using a major credit card by going to the following website: <http://shopping.clemson.edu> When the Clemson Shopping page comes up, enter **Man161** (NO spaces between the alpha and numeric) in the Search Products Box.

There is no tax, and the Priority Mail (2-3 days) shipping charge is \$12.05 (1 copy to California). This is cheaper than ground shipping. Shipping charges will vary when ordering multiple copies.

If you must **pay by check** (rather than credit card), you may call 1-888-772-2665 to make arrangements and ask for help in calculating shipping charges for the total invoice. You can then send a check made payable to "**Clemson University**" for the total amount (manuals and shipping charges) to:

Clemson University  
Public Service Publishing Bulletin Room  
96 Poole Agricultural Building  
Clemson, SC 29634-0129  
Toll free: 1-888-772-2665; (864)-656-3261—Phone

## Get your USDA Official Egg Air Cell Gauges FREE

For a limited time, 4-Hers and leaders who need air cell gauges, may obtain them free of charge. Please send your e-mail request (indicating the number you wish and your mailing address) to:

Jeff Shomaker, National Compliance Office - [jeff.shomaker@ams.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.shomaker@ams.usda.gov)

These are excellent tools for determining egg grades and to help 4-Hers better understand how egg candling and air cell size are essential to establishing the grade of an egg.

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# CALENDAR

**February 14, 2015** Humboldt Poultry Fanciers' Association Show

Location: Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale  
Showmanship and Avian Bowl judged by Dr. Bradley

The Bowl Q/A for this show will be based on the 2014 Study Sections as listed in AVS Notes Dec. 2014. That issue can be found on line at:  
<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/avian/newsletters.htm>

Youth Show information contact Harry Majors, 707 496-6350,  
[harrymajors2000@yahoo.com](mailto:harrymajors2000@yahoo.com)  
Show website [www.humboldtpoultry.org](http://www.humboldtpoultry.org)

**February 28, 2015** Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF)

Show, Fresno  
County Fairgrounds, Fresno  
Showmanship 9 AM and Avian Bowl Qualifier (1 PM) judged by  
Dr. Bradley  
Show information [www.gcspf.com](http://www.gcspf.com)

**February 28, 2015** Avian Bowl State Qualifier

GCSPF Show, Gem and Mineral Building, Fresno County Fairgrounds,  
Fresno  
12:30 PM registered Avian Bowl teams must check-in; Senior teams  
take written test  
1:00 PM Competition begins

# 2015 Avian Bowl State Qualifier

Saturday, February 28 at the Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' Show  
Fresno County Fair Grounds, Gem & Mineral Building, Fresno

## JUNIOR ENTRY FORM

### 4-H Avian Bowl Contest Entry Form

**FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETE BIRTH DATE FOR EACH MEMBER**

*Entries must be postmarked or FAXED by February 21, 2015*

**Junior Teams: Members must be 13 years or YOUNGER on January 1, 2015.  
Two, three, or four members are allowed per team.**

County \_\_\_\_\_

Team One Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team members' names: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/day/year

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address

City Zip Phone #

Team Two Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team members' names: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/day/year

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address

City Zip Phone #

**Send entries to: Dr. Francine Bradley, University of California,  
1775 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Suite 110 – 129, Palm Springs, California 92264  
(760) 699-5078 FAX (760) 699-7056 \*\*\*If you Fax your entry, you MUST leave a  
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## SENIOR ENTRY FORM

### 4-H Avian Bowl Contest Entry Form

**FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETE BIRTH DATE FOR EACH MEMBER**

*Entries must be postmarked or FAXED by February 21, 2015*

**Senior Teams: Must be 14 to 18 years by January 1, 2015. Two, three, or four members are allowed per team.**

County \_\_\_\_\_

Team One Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team members' names: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/day/year

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Address

City Zip Phone #

Team Two Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team members' names: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/day/year

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach \_\_\_\_\_

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