



Avian Science Notes

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CALIFORNIA STATE AVIAN BOWL QUALIFIER

Must Order new 2016 Edition of National Avian Bowl Manual, in order to properly study for the Qualifier,

February 27, 2016, Fresno
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California Trio returns home with National Championship

The 2015 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky was another outstanding experience for California 4-Hers. Our State Champions: Keaton Kelm, Ellie Milanese, and Téa Rice, took advantage of all the Conference offers. They attended the Career Workshop, all the tours, mixer, North American International Livestock Exposition, awards banquet, and, of course, the National Avian Bowl.

In addition to the Californians, this year's National Avian Bowl had 4-Hers competing from Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Vermont. California entered the competition seeded second. Their average team score on the written test was a fraction of a point lower than that of the New York team. Historically, with only a couple of exceptions, the team seeded first has won the contest.

In a match-up seen many times at the Nationals, California took on Kentucky in Game 1 and beat them. The New Yorkers defeated Georgia in their first game. However, in their second game, the New Yorkers were shocked by a fast Ohio team and fell into the Loses' Bracket. California ran the Winners' Bracket, beating Minnesota and Ohio. Minnesota went on to run the Losers' Bracket and faced California again. The Minnesotans were out to win and defeated the Californians the second time they faced them. This resulted in another game, as both California and Minnesota had a loss. All three Californians hit their buzzers with speed and correct answers in that final game for a resounding win.

The California Team was coached by Mrs. Shar Rice. She collected her second National Avian Bowl Coach's award, having coached another National Championship team several years ago.

Front row: Ntl Avian Bowl Champions: Ellie Milanese, Téa Rice, Keaton Kelm
Back row: Ntl Avian Bowl Chair, Dr. Bradley, head California Cheerleader, Abby Milanese, and Coach, Mrs. Shar Rice.



NOTE: NEW 2016 National Avian Bowl Required for 2016 State Qualifier

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:

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Clemson, SC 29634-0129
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2016 Avian Bowl Qualifier

I have been postponing sending this issue to the printers, with the hope I could tell you the NEW, 2016, National Avian Bowl Manual was ready for purchase. Unforeseen problems have delayed the publishing of the Manual. The Study Sections below are CORRECT. However, I cannot include the pagination, because the new edition of the Manual has not been finalized. The information I am receiving from Clemson University is that by the time you receive this Newsletter, you WILL be able to call them, place your order, and have it promptly filled. With each new Manual shipped from Clemson, there will be a paper attached listing the 2016 Study Section WITH the pages in the NEW Manual.

If your Bowlers want to start studying BEFORE you can get the new Manual, have them study Gamebirds. This is a large section and has not been altered in the new edition.

The State Qualifier will be returning to the Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF) Show in Fresno. I am pleased to once again have the funds to rent the Gem and Mineral Building at the Big Fresno Fairgrounds. We will have a dedicated facility for Poultry Showmanship, Biosecurity updates, and the Avian Bowl Qualifier.

COACHES: please note, you must pre-register your teams. Entry forms (one for Junior Teams and another for Senior Teams) are enclosed. You only need 2 players of the same age division to make a team. A team may have 2, 3, or 4 members. There is no limit to the number of teams a county may field. A team may also be made up of members from different counties.

National Avian Bowl Study Sections for 2016

Breeds, Varieties, and Strains (Intro., Bantams, and through American Class)

Raising Gamebirds (All)

Eggyclopedia (Eggs A to Z through Cooking Terms)

Ratites (All)

Commercial Poultry Industries (All)

Changing World of Poultry and Egg Markets (All)

Avian Influenza (All)

Embryology (Intro. through Table 28)

These sections will be used starting at the State Qualifier in Fresno, throughout the remainder of 2016, and then through the early February Shows of 2017.

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CALENDAR

2016

Feb. 13 Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association, Fairgrounds,
Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale

Feb. 27 California State Avian Bowl Qualifier, Greater California
Society of Poultry Fanciers (GCSPF) Show, Fresno

Feb. 27-28 GCSPF Show, Big Fresno Fairgrounds, Fresno

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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 15, 2016

**Junior Teams: Members must be 13 years or YOUNGER on January 1, 2016.
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,
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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 15, 2016

Senior Teams: Must be 14 to 18 years by January 1, 2016. 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 #

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