



Avian Science Notes

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2017 State Avian Bowl Qualifier

Once again, the State Qualifier is returning to the Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' Show on Feb. 25, 2017. All Poultry Showmanship, Biosecurity information, and Avian Bowl competitions will be in the Gem and Mineral Bldg

IMPORTANT - EARLIER STARTING TIMES FOR 2017

Showmanship - you must register in advance AND sign-in on site between 8 & 8:30 AM

I will be assisted with Showmanship this year by former National 4-H Poultry Champion, Aaron Teagle. Promptly at 8:30 Mr. Teagle will start judging Minis and I will start judging the Juniors.

Avian Bowl - you must register in advance and sign-in at 12 Noon. Senior Teams will take the written test and Junior Avian Bowl will begin as soon as Showmanship is completed. Our estimated starting time is 12:30. Coaches: entry forms (one for Junior Teams and one for Senior Teams) can be downloaded from this site. Two players of the same age division are needed to make a team. A team may have 2,3, or 4 members. A county may host as many teams as it wants. In addition, 4-Hers from different counties may be on the same team.

2017 Avian Bowl Study Sections

From National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual Rev. Jan. 2016	Pages
Poultry Judging (All)	9-16
Understanding Food Poisoners (All)	17-20
Raising Waterfowl (Only Tables 5&6)	24-25
Avian Systems (Only Reproduction)	35-38
Growing Blue Ribbon Pullets (All)	55-66
Breeds, Varieties, and Strains (Only English)	73-75
Eggyclopedia (Microwave cooking through Roasted egg)	133-144
Biosecurity (All)	179-80
Embryology (Daily embryonic development through Candling)	191-192

NOTE: The 2016 National Avian Bowl Required for 2017 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, put "MAN 161" in the Search Products Box. If you have difficulties, please call 1-888-772-2665.

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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Another 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference in the record books

Our California Avian Bowl State Champions (Zachary Schnetz, Jesiah Neff, Hannah Neff, Kyle Schnetz) had a good experience traveling to the Nationals. The Schnetz Family flew out and then toured pre-Conference. The Neffs made it a real family road trip, driving all the way to Louisville. All the team members made friends, especially exchanging their California almonds for the mementos from other states (a welcome evening tradition).

After the written test, California was seeded #2, behind Wisconsin. Each state that sent a team this year, had a competent entry. The Californians beat all their opponents, but received their first loss in their initial meeting with Wisconsin. California came back through the Losers' Bracket and faced Wisconsin a second time in the Championship game. The Wisconsin team was too much for them and the Californians graciously accepted their second place finish. The new champions are twin sisters, Sydney and Shelby Tone. And, yes, I dubbed them the "the two Tones."



California State Avian Bowl Champions horsing around in Louisville.

Everyone serious about competing in 2017, should start studying the new sections for 2017. Please note: the 2017 Sections will be used for the first time at the 2017 Qualifier in Fresno. 2016 Study Sections will still be used at the 2017 Humboldt Show.

Changes at the California Animal Health & Food Safety (CAHFS) Labs

Due to the increased usage of the formerly free necropsies, by backyard poultry keepers, the CAHFS labs have instituted a \$20 necropsy fee. The press release was as follows:

“We at CAHFS value the importance of providing necropsy services for Backyard Flock (BYF) owners. However, with the increased number of BYF submissions over the past several years it is now impacting our ability to continue providing this service at no cost. While we want to maintain disease surveillance for backyard flock owners, it will now be necessary to implement a small fee. Effective October 1, 2016, CAHFS will initiate a \$20 necropsy fee for BYF cases consisting of 1-2 chickens, turkeys, squabs or waterfowl from flocks with less than 1,000 birds. We appreciate your understanding.”

So if you have a sick bird or find one of your birds dead and want a diagnosis: please take the bird to the LAB. You will pay the \$20 fee. This is still a tremendous bargain, as the veterinarian performing the post mortem on your bird will be a trained Poultry Diagnostician. You do not find individuals with this type of training and poultry expertise at the majority of small animal veterinary clinics.

Please remember that CAHFS is NOT a treatment facility. You do not take a sick bird there to be examined and then taken home. All birds entering the Lab, are humanely killed (if not already dead) and examined to determine the cause of the illness. While none of us likes to lose a single bird, it is often necessary to give up one bird, in order to save the remainder of the flock.

For a full listing of CAHFS locations and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit their website: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/cahfs/about/locations/index.cfm>

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Feb. 11-12 Humboldt Poultry Fanciers' Association, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. Poultry Showmanship and Avian Bowl. Info: Harry Majors, (707) 496-6350
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Feb. 25 - California State Avian Bowl Qualifier, Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF) Show, Big Fresno Fairgrounds, Fresno. Info: Dr. Bradley (760) 699-5078

Feb. 25 Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF) Show, Big Fresno Fairgrounds, Fresno. Info: Sue Gallegos, (559) 855-3951. gcspf@netptc.net

Mar. 25-26 NorCal Poultry Show, Tehama County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff. Info:
www.norcalpoultryncpa.com

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