



# *Avian Science Notes*

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## **2018 State Avian Bowl Qualifier**

The State Qualifier will coincide with the Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' Show on Feb. 24, 2018. As was the case for the most recent Qualifier, all Poultry Showmanship, Biosecurity information, and Avian Bowl competitions will be in the Gem and Mineral Bldg.

## **NOTE: STARTING TIMES and REGISTRATION RULES**

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

Returning to assist me with Showmanship this year will be Mr. Aaron Teagle of Santa Clara county. 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.

## **2018 Avian Bowl Study Sections**

<b>From National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual Rev. Jan. 2016</b>	<b>Pages</b>
Raising Waterfowl (Natural Incubation and Brooding through Exhibiting Waterfowl)	31-33
Avian Systems (Only Respiratory and Digestive)	41-42
Small Turkey Flock Management (All)	45-54
Breeds, Varieties, and Strains (Mediterranean & Continental Only)	75-78
Eggyclopedia (Cooking Equipment through History)	113-130
Biosecurity (partial)	179

## **NOTE: The 2016 National Avian Bowl Required for 2018 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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## **What's it like to win the State Avian Bowl Qualifier?**

Pictured below are the Game Birds, the 2017 California Junior Avian Bowl Champions. Morgan Hebrand and Kaitlyn Hurl (L-R) represented San Luis Obispo County. They bested all the other Junior teams. Their wins reflected a great deal of studying and good coaching by Amanda Stallman. Both team members seem especially pleased with their silver belt buckles.



Last February in Fresno, the 3 Egg Omelet (Abby Milanesa, Kayla Hurl and Siana Barrett) beat out some stiff competition to become the Senior State Champions. They looked ready for more competition as they posed with Dr. Bradley after the awards ceremony (L-R: Kayla, Abby, Dr. Bradley, and Siana).

# 2017 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference

Between the last week of February and the third week of November, the State Champions studied. Often it was each team member plowing through the Manual alone and whenever possible, the three team mates (all from different counties) practiced jointly. Special thanks to Mrs. Kitty Beckman and the Ventura County Avian Bowlers, as well as Mrs. Shar Rice and the most recent National Champs from Orange County. These individuals assisted with the Avian Bowl Invitational, giving the State Champions one last time to be in competition prior to the Nationals in Louisville.

This year's National Avian Bowl brought together 13 teams from New York to California. There was, for the very first time, an Avian Bowl team from Alaska! The Californians were winning handily until they faced Ohio. The Buckeye State's Avian Bowlers gave California its first loss. But determined and practiced, the Golden State's three came back to defeat Ohio twice and took the national title.

Yes, they found the big prize! Relaxing around the candy cart at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds are below: Siana, Kayla, Dr. Bradley, and Abby. In addition to the most handsome wall plaques, each member received \$100 and a gold pin - all presented by Mr. Jon Cole of the Poultry Science Association. A plaque for the Championship Team's Coach was presented to Dr. Dan Milanese.



## Sick bird? Use the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory

There forever seems to be a disease out there ready to attack our poultry. We are currently concerned about the Infectious Bursal Disease Virus that has been found in some backyard flocks. As always, if you experience unusual mortality in your flock, get a sick bird or a recently deceased bird to CAHFS. Please see the December 2016 issue of Avian Science Notes for more information about CAHFS. 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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## CALENDAR

### 2018

**Feb. 10 -11** Humboldt Poultry Fanciers' Association, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. Poultry Showmanship and Avian Bowl. Info: Harry Majors, (707) 496-6350  
[harrymajors2000@yahoo.com](mailto:harrymajors2000@yahoo.com)

**Feb. 24** - California State Avian Bowl Qualifier, Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' (GCSPF) Show, Big Fresno Fairgrounds, Fresno.  
Info: Dr. Bradley (760) 699-5078

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**Mar. 24-25** NorCal Poultry Show, Tehama County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff.  
Info: [www.norcalpoultryncpa.com](http://www.norcalpoultryncpa.com)

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