

# FOWL TALK



Hope to see you . . . “at our 2024 GCSPF show on February 23-24, 2024!”

-Alan Gallegos, President, GCSPF, CA

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Next Club Meeting:

McCoy's Café

4131 S. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93725

January 7th, 2024

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE :

Hello, members of the GCSPF,

It has been a while since our last Fowl Talk, but better late than never.

I hope this newsletter finds you with a few good quality show birds. The Poultry show season is upon us, and we look forward to five shows in California. A new club in California that started the show season off in Perris is the Southern California Poultry Club (SCPC). I attended the show on the seventeenth of November, and it was a good time. A lineup of the remaining 2023/2024 California Show Season scheduled is included in this issue of Fowl Talk.

Members of GCSPF have been busy planning an excellent 2024 show and have a great lineup of judges for the APA/ABA show, including Dwight Madsen, Grace Madsen-Ellis, Donald Barger, and Eric Kutch. Our Game Show is on, rain or shine. We will have a game show under the barn if we get rain. The Serama Club of North America is joining us and will host a Serama Tabletop Show.

We welcome Dr. Francine Bradley and David Emery to judge this year's Youth Program. Our show will host the state qualifier for the national Avian Bowl competition. A shout-out to 4-H Leaders and parents! It is time to prepare your kid's teams and study for this competition. The winner of this year's competition will represent California at the National Avian Bowl in Kentucky in November 2024.

We welcome any input to improve our performance and experience at our shows. We encourage our members to get involved so that our club will continue to grow in the ways it has over the years. Our GCSPF competition is for all, and we always welcome new members to join our club and show.

I am always available to answer any questions about breeding and raising poultry.

Take care, and I hope to see you in Fresno, California, at our 2024 Greater California Society of Poultry Fancier show on February 23-24, 2024!

Sincerely,

Alan J. Gallegos  
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## CALIFORNIA SHOW SEASON:

**Southern California Poultry Club  
November 17-18, 2023 in Perris, CA**

**Central California Feather Fanciers  
December 1-2, 2023 in Paso Robles, CA**

**Gold Coast Feather Fanciers  
January 12-13, 2024, in Hollister, CA**

**Pacific Poultry Breeders Association  
January 26-28, 2024, in Lodi, CA**

**Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers  
February 23-24, 2024, in Fresno, CA**



**Francine A. Bradley, Ph.D.**  
Poultry Extension Specialist  
Emerita, UC Davis

### 2024 AVIAN BOWL QUALIFIER & THE GREATER CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF POULTRY FANCIERS' (GCSPF) SHOW, Fresno



GCSPF is excited to welcome Dr. Bradley and her team back with us again this year to set off our 2024 youth program. Dr. Bradley has a wealth of knowledge and experience in poultry science and veterinary medicine. Directing the statewide 4-H poultry program, Dr. Bradley leads a science-based game show that is a national 4-H competition. This contest will cover a broad spectrum of knowledge of avian science and poultry industry categories as diverse as avian anatomy and commercial egg production.

Mrs. Janet Moore is our GCSPF Youth Program Coordinator and will work with Dr. Bradley's team to provide the best educational experience to the youth of our state.



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## The Winners of our 2023 Greater California Show

### Sherry Parker 2023 GCSPF Show Champion



(Sherry Parker & her black Sumatra hen)

We want to acknowledge the winner of last year's show and especially congratulate Sherry Parker for raising the Champion of our Show, a black Sumatra hen. This was a great bird, and Sherry was very proud. This was Sherry's first show champion.

### Winners from the Oriental Game Show

Grand Champion in the Oriental show was Meng Vang  
 Champion Large rooster was Kashia Lee  
 Champion Medium Rooster was Vang Lor  
 Champion Small Rooster was Pochoua Vue  
 Champion Bantam Rooster was Meng Vang  
 Champion Small Hen was Roberto Ramirez  
 Champion Junglefowl Rooster was Jewel V.

### Winners from the American Game Show

Grand Champion was Adrian Avalos Jr.  
 Champion Dark-Legged Grey was Jesus Garza  
 Champion Light-Legged Red was Adrian Avalos Jr.  
 Champion Light-Legged Grey was Jesus Garza  
 Champion Hen was Roberto Ramirez  
 Champion Pair was Roberto Ramirez  
 Champion of other variety was Francisco Beltran

### APA/ABA Show Champions

**Champion of Show**– Sherry Parker with a Black Sumatra  
**Reserve Champion of Show**–Jim & Bonnie Sallee–bantam White Leghorn  
**Champion Large Fowl**–Black Sumatra–Sherry Parker  
**Reserve Champion Large Fowl**–Australorp–Zack Rose  
**Champion Bantam**–White Leghorn  
**Reserve Champion Bantam**–Birchen Modern–Jim & Bonnie Sallee  
**Champion Waterfowl**–Grey Call duck shown by Zack Rose  
**Reserve Champion Waterfowl**–African Goose–Bill Cervenka

**Champion American** – Daniel Moore – Jersey Giant  
 \*\* Reserve was Joanne Arnew – Rhode Island Red  
**Champion & Reserve Asiatic**–Langshan–Adam Dye & Denise Stevens

**Champion Mediterranean** – Leghorn – B & J Leghorn  
 \*\* Reserve was Wes Sparling – Black Face Spanish  
**Champion Continental** – Maran – Adam Dye & Denise Stevens

\*\* Reserve – Leo Jimenez – Maran  
**Champion & Reserve English** was an Australorp by Zach Rose

**Champion AOSB** – Sumatra – Sherry Parker  
 \*\* Reserve – Marco Macias – Cubalaya

**Champion AOCCL** – Ko shamo – Arturo Lozano  
 \*\* Reserve – Zack Rose – Cubalaya

**Champion RCCL** – Rosecomb – Gamini Weerasatrena  
 \*\* Reserve – Thomas Johnson – Golden Sebright

**Champion SCCL** – Leghorn – the Sallee's  
 \*\* Reserve – Amber Quick – Japanese

**Champion Feather Legged** – Cochin – Johnson Family  
 \*\* Reserve – Kelly Christy – Belgian D Anver.

**Champion & Reserve Modern** – Modern – Sallee's  
**Champion Old English**– Black Old English – Cesar Cisneros

\*\* Reserve was Sam Whiteside–Wheaten

**Champion Bantam duck**– Call duck – Zach Rose

**Champion Large Duck** – Pekin – Sasha Chapin

**Champion Goose** – African – Bill Cervanka

**Champion Turkey** – Narragansett – Nathan Hutchinson





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## 2023 Junior Champions:

**Champion of Show** – Ellie Stephen– Golden Sebright  
**Reserve Champion of Show** – Daniel Moore – Jersey Giant  
**Champion Large Fowl** – Daniel Moore – Jersey Giant  
**Reserve Large Fowl** – Emma Jones – Black Australorp  
**Champion Bantam**– Ellie Stephen – Golden Sebright  
**Reserve Champion Bantam** – Kelly Christy – Belgian D’Anver  
**Champion Waterfowl** – Tiffany Vaden – Call duck  
**Reserve Champion Waterfowl** – Sasha Chapin – Pekin  
**Champion & Reserve American** – Daniel Moore – Jersey Giant  
**Champion & Reserve Asiatic** – Bennett Kolano– Langshan  
**Champion & Reserve Mediterranean** – Kelly Christy – Leghorn  
**Champion & Reserve Continental** – Nathan Hutchinson – Maran  
**Champion English** – Emma Jones – Australorp  
 \*\* Reserve English – Daniel Pursell – Australorp  
**Champion AOSB** – Beverly Canaan – Araucana  
 \*\* Reserve AOSB – Bennett Kolano – Ameraucana  
**Champion AOCCL** – Emma Jones – Cornish  
 \*\* Reserve AOCCL – Ana Urbanik– Ameraucana  
**Champion RCCL** – Ellie Stephen – Sebright  
 \*\* Reserve RCCL – Mason Price – Watermael  
**Champion SCCL** – Daniel Pursell – Plymouth Rock  
 \*\* Reserve SCCL – Reagan Downey – Rhode Island Red  
**Champion & Reserve Feather legged** – Kelly Christy – Belgian D’ Anver, Cochin  
**Champion Modern** – Samantha DeMera – Birchen Modern  
 \*\* Reserve Celeste Rickett – Lemon Blue  
**Champion Old English** – Daniel Pursell – Fawn Silver Duckwing  
 \*\* Reserve McKenzie Franks–BlueWheaten  
**Champion Bantam Duck** – Tiffany Vaden – Call  
**Champion Large Duck** – Sasha Chapin – Pekin  
**Champion Turkey** – Nathan Hutchinson – Narragansett



## Biosecurity at the Show

### Before the show on the farm

Biosecurity is achieved through practices that aim to prevent the entry and spread of diseases. Monitoring your birds at least 14 days before the show is a good idea. You know your birds better than anyone else, so spotting an ill bird should be simple. If your poultry are lethargic or display signs of illness or mites, those animals should be left at home to prevent the spread of disease to other birds at the show. Following essential biosecurity can significantly reduce the risk of infecting your flock and the flocks of others. Your birds may be denied entry if there is evidence of illness or mite infestation.

- Please review your birds and ensure your flock is healthy and free from disease or infestations.
- Clean and disinfect all carriers or boxes used for transporting birds before departing for the show and adding fresh bedding.

### At the show

- The exhibitor should maintain the health and cleanliness of their birds, and any suspected violations should be reported to the show secretary or the show superintendent for further inspection.
- Only exhibitors and judges should handle poultry.
- Sales cages will only managed by registered sales vendors.



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## SCNA SERAMA TABLE TOP SHOW District 9 Pacific Southwest Region February 24, 2024

Hosted by  
Greater California  
Society of Poultry Fanciers  
Big Fresno Showgrounds  
1121 S. Chance Ave,  
Fresno, CA

Thank you  
Alan Gallegos

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Fully sanctioned Serama  
Tabletop Show  
and ABA American  
Serama in cage



All Serama Types Welcomed for Tabletop Judging; Classes for Traditional, Frizzle, Silkied & Ayam/Extreme



**Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers**

## GAME BIRD SHOW

FEBRUARY 24, 2024  
Fresno fair grounds

Registration: 8am-9am  
\$15 1st bird, \$5 every bird after.  
\*Bring your own pens

ORIENTAL GAME CLASS:	AMERICAN GAME CLASS:
• LARGE ROOSTER 8LB & UP	• DARK LEGGED RED
• MEDIUM ROOSTER 6-8LB	• DARK LEGGED GREY
• SMALL ROOSTER 3-6LB	• LIGHT LEGGED RED
• BANTAM/MINATURE UNDER 3LB	• LIGHT LEGGED GREY
• LARGE HEN 4LB & UP	• HEN
• SMALL HEN UNDER 4LB	• OTHER VARIETY
• JUNGLE FOWL	• BEST PAIR
• GRAND CHAMPION	• BEST AMERICAN GAME BANTAM
	• GRAND CHAMPION

\*Each entry gets you a chance to win a bag of feed Proudly sponsored by Kruse's Perfection Feed

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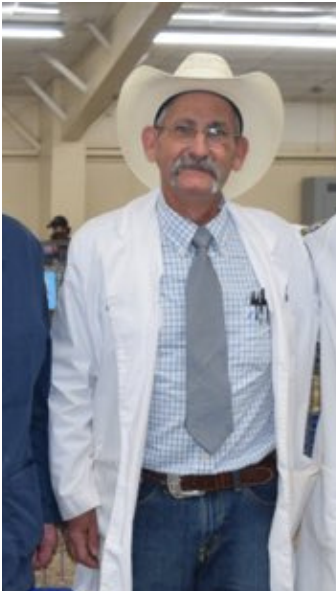
**RAIN OR SHINE  
THE SHOW WILL GO ON!**



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## 2024 GCSPF Show Judges

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### Dwight Madsen, MO

“Born and raised in Carthage, MO. When my children were in 4-H, I got involved in poultry; I was a horse person before and still am today. I started raising poultry in the 80's. I bred Old English in the 90s and started breeding various poultry breeds in the early 2000s. I watched really good judges, thought I could do that, and started studying the poultry standard, and I'm pretty good at it. (As my daughter is also). We both have a good eye for good birds. I've been a judge for 13 years and a director for the ABA for approximately 6 years. Also, I am an APA judge thanks to Jim Sallee and the late Steve Jones. I love to share the love of poultry and travel to shows with my daughter, an ABA judge.”

### Grace Madsen-Ellis, OK



Grace is originally from Carthage, MO, and currently resides in Oklahoma City, OK. She has lived there for almost 7 years. She was born into raising and showing chickens. Her dad had already gotten into raising bantams before she was born, primarily in Old English. She remembers going to shows and swap meets with him and her grandpa Madsen. Her first show was in Springfield, MO, when she was 3 years old, and showed a Black Old English cockerel. She has been a ABA judge for 5 years. Her dad was the inspiration behind her getting her license. She watched him judge and saw his passion for this industry. Judging has been a way for her to spend time with him and honor his legacy. Grace loves the challenge of raising good birds but also loves visiting with the people she has been around for 30 years. A fun fact about Grace is that she loves school, and has a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Library Studies, and she is currently working on her PhD at The University of Oklahoma.



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## 2024 GCSPF Show Judges

### Donald Barger, CA

Donald lives in Prunedale, CA. He has bred and raised various poultry breeds and currently breeds Old English Game Bantams, Modern Game Bantams, Serama Bantams, Langhan Bantams, and Large Phoenix. He started breeding and raising chickens in his teens and started with Large Game fowl. His 1st bantams were a trio of

Buff Cochins purchased from a local hatchery. His favorite aspect of showing poultry is all of the great friends he has met involved in this hobby. Donald has been the Poultry Chairman for the Monterey County Fair for 35+ years and is currently the Poultry Chairman for the San Benito County Fair. He has been a 4-H leader for 35+ years, including Poultry, Rabbit, and Swine, and is currently the Poultry and Rabbit project leader for Royal

Oaks 4-H. Donald is a Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award recipient and a lifetime member of the APA and ABA. He has been an APA and ABA generalized licensed judge since 2007. When Donald started showing, he also began to clerk at as many shows as possible. At that time, Walt Leonard encouraged him to get his judging license and would not let up until he did. Donald

has been the current Chairman and member of the APA Standard Revision Committee for 10+ years and has hosted the Gold Coast Poultry Fanciers show in January, located in Hollister, CA, for 15 years. A fun fact about Donald is that he goes to the gym 5 days a week, has done fitness modeling, and plans to compete in

bodybuilding competitions.



### Eric Kutch, CA

Eric was born in Northwest New Jersey in Suffolk County but currently resides in Jamestown, CA. Eric started breeding and showing birds in 1958 when he was 10-12 years old. At this time, Eric's great-grandmother showed and bred New Hampshire reds in New York City, and his neighbors showed at the Madison Square Garden;

Eric got interested in showing and entering his own birds for show. One of Eric's mentors was Harvey Woods. Harvey was one of the greatest breeders of large fowl Brahmas. A 1947 postage stamp was created displaying his Brahma chicken. 4-H was not a thing when Eric started breeding Millie D'Uccle's, but he was a secretary for the Morris County Poultry Association in New York.

Eric got to a point in breeding poultry and showing where he wanted the next level of experience, so he started judging and has been a judge for the last 24 years. Eric is a licensed ABA and APA judge and a master breeder in both groups. Eric's favorite aspect of poultry is the breeding process.

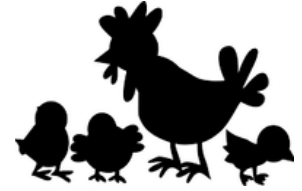






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## Poultry Fun!

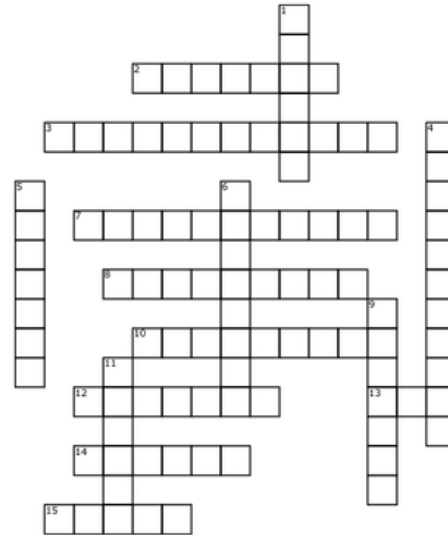


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Wattle	Throat	Beak	Comb	Head
Eye	Ear	Ear lobe	Face	Hackle
Toe nail	Web	Foot	Toe	Spur
Shank	Hock Joint	Plumage	Fluff	Saddle feathers
Primaries	Primary Coverts	Wing-Coverts	Wing-Bow	Shoulder
Cape	Back	Saddle	Sickles	Tail Coverts

### Chicken Reproductive System Crossword



**Across**

- 2. An adult male chicken.
- 3. Keeps a rooster's sperm after mating and fertilizes yolk.
- 7. To press both cloacas together.
- 8. Produces sperm and hormones.
- 10. A cluster of yellow sacs.

12. A thick egg white that wraps around the yolk in the Magnum.

13. An adult female chicken.

14. Yolk enters this place after it gets fertilized or stays unfertilized.

15. An organ that creates yolk.

**Down**

1. Creates a hard egg shell for protection.

4. Transports sperm from the testicles.

5. A long convoluted tube that has five sections in it.

6. Located inside of a rooster's cloaca.

9. A one hour process that makes the inner and outer shell membranes for the yolk.

11. Expels urine and feces from the body.

**Word Bank**

Rooster	Cloaca	Albumen	Uterus	VasDeferens
Hen	Ovary	CloacalKiss	Papillae	Testicles
Follicles	Oviduct	Isthmus	Infundibulum	Magnum

### Kids and Poultry

Poultry competitions are much fun, and our show is free to attend. You will be able to see new chicken breeds and get to know their breeders. At the GCSPPF show, you will witness the future! Our children are the future of America. Exposing our kids to breeding and showing chickens is a great way to develop public speaking and relations, implement dedication and detail, respect for animals and each other, responsibility and manners, and a chance to work hard at what they love.

Q: Why don't chickens like bakers?

A: They beat eggs!

Q: What do you call a chicken that tells jokes?

A: A comedi-hen!

Q: What kind of movies do hens like?

A: Chick flicks!

Q: What do you call someone who knows all about chickens?

A: An eggspert!

Q: What's a chicken's least favorite day?

A: Fry-day!

Q: What do you call a mischievous egg?

A: A practical yolker.

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## GREATER CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF POULTRY FANCIERS

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