



# English Cocker Spaniel Club of Northern California

## AKC Scent Work Seminar

with Noah Gaines

October 1, 2023 in Belmont, CA

Two half day outdoor seminars on the same day



Noah Gaines is a scent work competitor, teacher, and judge who believes that scent work can give dogs purpose and deepen their relationship with their handlers. Noah is dedicated to helping teams communicate clearer and work together to source hides and build bonds.

**Morning AM Session, 9AM - noon: Hide Placement for Powerful Training.** Recommended for all training levels. This session emphasizes setting engaging puzzles for your dog as the best way to teach them the skills that they will need for competition. In this seminar, we will explore the effects of air movement on hides and what makes a hide easy, hard, or even impossible.

**Afternoon PM Session, 12:30PM - 3:30PM: Complex Scent Puzzles.** Recommended for Excellent/Master/Detective teams. This session will focus on how to set and run complex puzzles to insure your dog is ready for competing at the excellent/masters/and detective levels. This may include elevated hides, crack hides, converging odor, pooling odor, etc.

**Site Details:** This is a public park. A wooded picnic section of the park is reserved for the seminar. If possible please do not bring non working dogs. Seminar will happen rain or shine. Working dogs must be comfortable working in a public area.

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### Registration Details:

\$125 working spot (choose either the AM or PM session) Limit: 7 working spots per session, 14 total for the day. 1 working spot (AM or PM) per dog/handler team.

\$50 half day auditing spot (choose AM or PM) or \$75 full day auditing spot. Limit: 14 per session.

Fees refundable until August 15, 2023 minus a \$25 administration fee. After 08/15/23 refunds will only be given if the spot can be filled. Payment will be due after confirmation of entry.

**Pre-registration is required!** Registration will be by e-mail with the following information:

1) Handler name 2) dog name 3) dog breed 4) any working and/or auditing spots requested.

Registration is open to all breeds. English Cocker Spaniels will be given preference for entries received prior to August 3, 2023. **All other breeds will enter beginning August 3, 2023 at 9:00AM.** Spots will then be filled in order of time stamp of received e-mail. Send e-mail entry information to Denise Gormish using the email: [sniffingstars@gmail.com](mailto:sniffingstars@gmail.com). You will receive a payment request and liability release after your entry is verified.

Note for working teams: Working teams should be proficient at searching birch, anise and clove. Working teams should be comfortable working in a public park. Distractions might include people and animals near the area. If the weather dictates it a limited area will be available for crating for the working teams but dogs must be quiet with no barking or whining. ECSCNC does not take responsibility for dogs crated in cars nor is parking guaranteed in the lot closest to the seminar site.

If you have any questions before the opening of entries, please e-mail Denise Gormish using the email: [sniffingstars@gmail.com](mailto:sniffingstars@gmail.com).