

What others are saying!

- On May 29, 2010 my son and I completed John Hansen's CCW safety class. John has a homerun with this one! We both loved the Beginning Handgun class, and are really glad we had that one before this class, as it helped us better understand the concepts John was presenting. The CCW handouts were terrific, and are a great takeaway for occasional reminders. John's easy casual style and excellent classroom skills really helped make sense out of some complicated material. He is very clear on the differences between criminal and civil laws, and how to behave to protect ourselves in complicated situations. While not yet having access to what the new class will be due to law changes in a couple of months, John did a great job pointing out several things that are obviously going to be different. The message here is to TAKE THIS GREAT CLASS NOW!!! The time really flew by and is more than worth the cost. During the class, we were fingerprinted on 2 cards, filled out our permit application, and were even provided a special envelope for mailing. All we had to do later was drop in a money order, and add postage! Our permits showed up less than a week later! If you are serious about carrying a weapon, then I really recommend you take the Beginning Handgun class with John, and then the CCW class but hurry while this CCW class is still taught as is!!

Handgun owner and shooter

Edward L. H, II, MBA, PhD

- Thanks, John.
I know I can just send in a copy of my DD214 but you are worthy of compensation for such well prepared and presented material (Online home course 01-10-2013. I didn't expect to learn much from it having looked over similar topics before, but it was great. If you're ever down Tucson way doing instruction I might be interested in some training. Thanks again!

K. Smith

- Hi John,
I took your CCW class on February 6, 2010 and I just wanted to let you know that it was very informative and enjoyable. Your attitude and knowledge of both firearms and the law made the class fun and no question went unanswered. Your scenarios and examples definitely made me think more about the responsibility of carrying and using a firearm. With any luck it will never happen, but if the time comes that I must use a firearm to defend myself I have a much better chance of survival, thanks to your class. I am going to tell everyone I can about my experience. Thanks again!!

R. Bowling

- Also agree on highly recommending John Hansen CCW class. I opted to drive a little further than a closer course being conducted and was glad I did. I even plan on taking other courses he has to offer. Anybody out there thinking about CCW should definately stop thinking about it and just do it. You'll be glad you did. Call or email John Hansen and make it happen. If you don't, you'll regret the moment that you decided to show, threaten or use your gun without this knowledge. There is so much that you do not realize that would ruin your life to include that of you family and financial well being. This is especially true for those that carry and show it to

downgrade a situation, not realizing that you have already escalated the situation to a prosecutable crime. If you want to know what I mean about this...take the class, or else suffer the consequences of ignorance (which will not be an excuse to the statutes)

D W

- That was easy as pie, smooth as silk and easy, very informative, a real eye opener. John is a great instructor, up on the newest laws and has his hand on the heart of what is really going on daily. There were a bunch of good folks from here that attended the coarse also, I'm glad Daniel changed his mind and came to this one, he had a lot of good questions that were answered. Thanks again John, Ill be talking with you soon.

Mont of Phoenix Firearms

- This is just me thanking John Hansen of BlackwolfCCW.com and or defensiveshotplacement.com for putting up a stand up CCW class. I thought I knew what I knew from forums and asking around but after attending John's class I really didn't know everything. Now I do have the advantage and the knowledge thanks to John. I took his class together with two of my friends on 6/26/10 and all 3 of us received our permits the week after. Thanks again John and this guy is highly recommended by a lot of people and he knows what he is talking about through life experiences.

Big ups to you! and more success in the future.

Michael A.

- **I first want to start out with giving Hansen's class (5/29/2010 class) a 5 out of 5 challenge coin approval as to giving it last!**

Now reading into some other reviews about other ccw instructors giving wrong information or going to old war stories that have nothing to do with the class purpose at all. I wasn't really at all worried with that with John fro. another review I read a few months back from another member on AZS.

That was far from the case with John, every story he mentioned and or brought up do to current discussion was relevant to what we were discussing. I can say John is a true student to not only understanding the CCW law, but to the laws itself and making sure you understand it aswell.

One of the main points of the class was just because you have a CCW now doesn't mean you should be hopping into dangerous situations. You do everything you possibly can to stay out of the firefight and your firearm is to be used as a last means of defense not first.

Now considering the CCW classes used to be 16hrs in length now they are 8, John did an excellent job in getting the information across to you in that time period.

With the new CCW law going into effect in 2 months Im glad I took the course when I did and I can say you should do the same. Not so much for having a permit but just the information alone will serve you better than the round chambered in your firearm.

If there was anything I could add to the class it would be nothing but maybe see if John

could have a class alone just on the laws and going into more detail on carrying a CCW that would be well worth the money spent!

John thanks again for an excellent class but also being an excellent teacher! I was the one in the blue colored shirt the was one of the last ones to leave, you gave me a few tips on shooting since I was pulling to the left with my shots.

Thanks again

sharpshooter08, AZWEAPONSITE.COM

- Today I attended and completed the AZ CCW class (3-1-2009). I just wanted to put this up so if anyone in AZ is thinking about taking it I would really like to recommend the guy that put on my class. It was John Hansen at www.blackwolfcew.com... It was a very professional class and also very relaxed so everyone felt very comfortable asking any questions, even the dumb ones! I have been involved with firearms and hunting my entire life and learned a ton of very important info. It also cleared up a lot of misconceptions that I had. The class is only \$40 and \$30 if you prepay. That also included the fingerprinting of two cards and everything else. I recently had to get fingerprinted for work and that cost \$25 by itself. There were a couple of people that were very nervous at the range and he made them feel like they were the most important people and was very patient. After taking the class myself I'm going to attend it again so my girlfriend can get the knowledge that I found. Also if you are just attending in support of someone else or if they want to attend and not apply he doesn't charge them. He has a tremendous resume and experience with every aspect of the class. I definitely know that I am a much more educated person having attended and know that if a situation ever presents itself that I have the knowledge to make the right decision for myself and everyone else involved.

Corey Nash

- My son and I just attended (5/22/10) the Beginning Handgun Class presented by John Hansen of Black Wolf Defense. I am a professional developer of Trainers in my job, and I want to say that John presents one of the best classes I have seen. His mix of content mastery, interpersonal skills and questioning and listening techniques are extremely advanced. In addition, John's great blending of Adult Learning Principles and Learner-Centered techniques have produced an excellent introductory level handgun class. I admit, when I first thought of attending a basic handgun class, I was worried about hearing a bunch of war stories listing the instructor's prowess with weapons, and all this talk of needing large caliber hand cannons and all the bad guy situations under the sun. To me, hearing all this stuff instead of using the time to shoot is the real downside of the hobby of shooting. I was really surprised! John immediately set the class up as all about US, having us shoot and then making mild suggestions as we moved through structured exercises. Each of us got individual attention, and received mild coaching broken down in small steps that we could achieve easily. It was a fantastic experience! I became comfortable with my new gun, and I watched as I got better and better hitting the target exactly where I wanted. This was a delightful class in a true no-pressure environment. It is a terrific investment, and I recommend it to anyone REGARDLESS of their level of experience as either a refresher or a chance to learn a new weapon. John's coaching and guidance was very useful, not condescending, and given in a very friendly and respectful manner. This class was so great I am going to take more classes (maybe the whole curriculum!) from Black Wolf Defense!! Spend your training dollars here, it is the best investment and highest quality training and coaching you will find.

Sincerely,

owner and shooter

Edward L. Hunt, II, MBA, PhD

- Hi John, I took your class on 8/24/08 I thought you did a great job lots of info I needed to know to be safe and prepared. It's a great thing you do. Everyone who owns a firearm should take your class I applaud you. I have all ready handed some of your cards to friends of mine and I highly recommended your class to them. Keep doing the good work you do. We all appreciate it. Thank you again.

Eric Smith

- I took Arizona CCW class on 08/24/2008 and my card was in the mail today. Just wanted to thank John again for making the class fun, not to mention dirt-cheap. As far as I'm concerned, John is the man to go to if you need your AZ or UT permit. I also think John deserves all our support for dealing with the worst of the worst scum out there on a daily basis. Thanks again, John and be safe out there.

Ed

- I was at the 8/24/2008 class and thoroughly enjoyed the instruction from John. You will learn a lot and I can guarantee that the class won't remind you of your U.S. History class in high school. By that I mean this is fun, interesting and invaluable. I also received my CCW card yesterday and will be carrying today. Tell everyone you know that if they are looking to get a CCW that they would be foolish to go anywhere else. John is a great guy and you feel important while your there.

- **CCW Class More Than Worthwhile**

I can't think of 8 hours in recent memory more well-spent than yesterday. A few weeks back, I mentioned [John Hansen's CCW Class](#).

John is in Law Enforcement, so he offers a great perspective. He has a down-to-earth, easygoing style that makes the material interesting. Students were 100% comfortable asking questions in the classroom. His knowledge of the material presented was clearly current, and accompanied by the appropriate references. Training materials were complete and well-organized. His experience allowed for lots of anecdotal evidence to reiterate his points, without embellishment or bravado. The range portion had folks at all levels of expertise - John kept range procedures firm, yet relaxed enough that new shooters were not uncomfortable or intimidated.

Topics covered included firearms safety, legal issues, use of force, concealment laws, threat analysis, conflict resolution, home defense planning, non-lethal defense, and shooting fundamentals. The course was approximately 8 hours, with roughly 2 hours spent at the range. Students have to pass a written test, as well as a practical shooting test.

John does more than just cover the mandatory material, though - he fingerprints you and assists everyone in filling out their CCW application. Literally, when you leave that class, all you have to do is get a money order or cashier's check for the DPS fee (\$60), put postage on the envelope,

and send it in. Best of all - this class will run you **40 bucks**. I haven't seen one for that price anywhere. This is one of those rare cases where you get *more* than what you pay for.

Seriously, I would recommend this class to anyone who has even the faintest interest in firearms. Whether you are interested in a CCW Permit or not, the information presented in this class is interesting and important. Ladies - fear not. There were a couple of gals in our class, and I think John went out of his way to make them feel comfortable and they were considered equal members of the class.

If you have ever considered taking a CCW Class - or not - DO IT! Check out John's site [Black Wolf Defense](#) for FAQ's, schedules, info and more.

Marshall McFarlane

- John,
My wife and I took your CCW class on March 7, 2009. We received our permits yesterday (May 6).
Your class is an incredible value. You offer the same type as training as many other organizations in the valley, but offer it at a VERY reasonable price. Thank you!

John Simon

- Took the class yesterday (10/18/2008) with John and I gotta say, it was EYE-POPPIN!

Even more important than being able to legally carry - are the potential consequences from NOT knowing the legal ramifications should it ever be necessary TO shoot.

John brings the class down to earth with current events and local stories that we've all heard about on the news, but never knew just how complicated the rules of engagement are!

I will always act to protect my family and myself - but after John's class I am vastly less likely to end up behind bars for doing the right thing!

TAKE THE CLASS! YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!

Kurt Larson, Glendale

- Hi John,

I wanted to thank you for your 5/24/2009 class. I have been around firearms most of my life, but i had never received any formal training. I was able to walk away from your class with some new knowledge and feeling confident in becoming a CCW permit holder. You were very professional yet not pretentious and seemed to make everyone feel comfortable in the class. I appreciate the time you took to answer everyone's questions. Somebody that is new to firearms, or even someone such as my self who has owned firearms for quiet a few years will be able to learn something new and feel comfortable in your CCW class. I definitely plan on following up with some of your other class offerings.

Thanks,

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- Great Class! Had a great time with the class and the hands on portion too! Well written and thought out sections. That showed me a polished and experienced instructor who cares about the students. This class was recommended to me and I will surely emphasize this class to those who ask or may be interested in a obtaining their CCW.

Jim, 12/20/2009.

- Hi John,

I wish to express my appreciation for the wealth of knowledge you imparted on my wife and I in your CCW class in proper firearms safety, use and application from your real world experience as law enforcement Deputy Sheriff! My wife and I wanted to take our personal defense to the next level so, we researched other CCW classes charging as much as \$100.00 and were holding off until a former student of yours highly recommended we take your class for only \$40.00 or, \$30.00 with pre-pay registration. He said your class was more informational as you are in law enforcement and bring real world examples to the class. I'm so glad we contacted you and registered immediately for your CCW class. You make the class fun, interactive and stress free for the new or current handgun owner but more importantly, your examples of real life situations mentally prepare us if we encounter similar circumstances. Your class is a true value as you teach actual application and mindset in addition to the book knowledge that will stay with us as responsible CCW permit carriers.

I had a wonderful experience from your CCW class; I wanted to take my pistol handling and knowledge to the next level taking your Basic Pistol Marksmanship 1 class. Raised in a law enforcement family, I've used firearms for hunting and target shooting but had limited exposure to pistol marksmanship and felt this class would improve my pistol handling skills. I reviewed your class on your website http://www.blackwolfccw.com/basic_pistol_marksmanship_1 as well as the pictures and looked forward to the day at the range. Wow, what a class! It was so much fun learning from an actual firearm instructor of how to handle the pistol from many different positions and situations. What a positive experience...learning how to handle the firearm from the standard strong handed position to support hand, single strong and support hands, trigger reset, shooting on the move, behind obstacles and proper reload etc. You taught us tactical and personal defense positions developing new pistol skills. It was exceptional and, did I say fun!!! By the end of the class, my groupings improved dramatically to where my pistol handling confidence has soared! I now practice using the techniques you taught so that they become second nature that I can rely on if placed in a pressure situation. Your Basic Pistol Marksmanship class is necessary for any pistol owner! I may take the class again as it was such a wonderful learning experience and fun, fun!

Thanks.

Steve Sunder

- I came to John Hansen at Black Wolf Defense/CCW as a "rookie" shooter. I had taken my new S&W Sigma out once one my own, and had only shot once before that with my grandfather, over a decade ago. I had no idea how to correctly shoot my gun. I could put the bullet on target, but I had no "grouping" what-so-ever.

I took John's *Beginning Handgun* class. He showed me how to hold the gun, pull the trigger, and sight alignment. He showed me minor details to hold the gun in strong hand with support, weak hand with support, strong hand only, and weak hand only. John also showed me *Trigger Reset*.

This minor movement keeps your sights on target in between shots. My “grouping” was better at the end of the two hour class, but not where I wanted it to be.

I was then able to take John’s *Basic Pistol Marksmanship 1* class. Again, he touched the basics such as how to hold the gun, how to pull the trigger properly, sight alignments, and all four hand positions that you can use to shoot. He also pushed *Trigger Reset* even more in this class. This little detail alone, brought my “grouping” even closer. He even demonstrated on how you are supposed to let the gun “surprise” you when you pull the trigger. That way, your body does not try to compensate for the upcoming impact. We used his specific targets for multiple drills. These drills begin to prepare you to defend yourself, your family, and your property. He does not use just “bulls eye” targets. He uses human silhouette targets, so you can prepare your brain for pulling the trigger against a real human threat. He also throws in three “fun” drills. He starts to give you the basics of shooting while moving, how to shoot from behind barricades, and how to return fire, while exposing the least amount possible. By the end of this class, my stationary shot “grouping” was within a fist size on the target. Well worth the three hours of my weekend.

I was also able to take John’s CCW Class under the Arizona Laws that are being outdated later this year (2010). John completely covers everything you will need to know to take the written DPS test. He covers it in such a way that you have full understanding, not just how to answer the questions. He has no problem stopping the class to answer questions. He knows the laws for the CCW inside and out. He gives you a small folder packed full of information that you can take home and review any time that you need to.

John showed an extreme amount of patience. In the *Basic Pistol Marksmanship 1* class I was in, he had an older gentleman who was hard-of-hearing, and even more so with earplugs. John had no problem stating his instructions to the rest of the class, and then looking directly at the older gentleman and repeating the instructions just for him. I cannot explain how much respect I have for John as a shooter and instructor. You will NOT find a better person to learn from. All of his experience and stories that he shares, are always related to the topic on hand. I will continue to return to John for his new classes as well as refreshers. Give John a call and take a class. You will not be disappointed.

--Robert R. from Buckeye, AZ (6/2010)

- John,
I just wanted to pass along my thanks for the excellent course you taught (3-16-2009). As a group, we have received quite a bit of weapons training over the years, but all 18 of us agreed your training was head and shoulders above what we have received in our careers. Your training was superb and well tailored to our experience level. The practical and legal aspects of self defense were extremely well covered, and you were patient with our questions. Thanks again for your instruction in Concealed Carry and firearms safety!

Major Bob Churchill
301st Fighter Squadron
Luke AFB AZ

- Thank you again for the two great classes---BASIC HANDGUN and CCW PERMIT that Eric and I took.

We found you to be very professional but also highly receptive to our questions (neither of us had ever shot a handgun before the classes) and I felt you conveyed just the right touch of how SERIOUS owning and operating a handgun is.

I was initially concerned, being a woman, that maybe I should consider a "women only" class to prevent any "male condescending behavior". I'm so glad that I chose to go with your classes. You answered all of our questions fully and with respect.

LADIES(AND GENTLEMEN), YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH ANY OF JOHN'S CLASSES. AND HIS PRICES ARE THE BEST I'VE SEEN.

I look forward to taking future classes to improve my skills for real life situations.

B. Morgan

- John,
Words cannot express how much I appreciate your instruction these past few days (beginning Handgun 7-24-2010 & AZ CCW class 7-25-2010). You cannot put a price on your professional experience and the knowledge you have provided in discussing self defense and my responsibilities as a Arizona CCW. Your classes will come highly recommended to my friends and colleagues.

Thank you for continuing to educate Arizona!

G. May

- John,

Thank you so much for a highly informative and entertaining class today (10/24/2010).

Joe, Penny and myself were very impressed by the knowledge imparted to the class, both in content and presentation.

I cannot understand why any person would want to leave themselves wide open to Criminal and Civil ramifications by insisting to carry concealed and NOT understand the Laws involved.

You made what could have been a very confusing subject pure common sense.

This carried over to the range where the shooting section was carried out in a very professional but non-intimidating manner.

I am personally looking to advance my gun skills and understanding of complex situations to a much higher degree and will be looking to use your services well into the future.

M. Squire

- Thank you for a great class today. (10/24/2010).

S. Shukla

- John,

Thanks for a very interesting class today (10/24/2010).

We felt you did a very good job going over the material, and providing the insight you have into the local law enforcement, DAs and what they are looking for.

I feel the money spent for this class was worth every dime.... And then some.

D & K Mooers

- John,

I put this together today after talking with some friends about why I decided to take a CCW course and learn the Law aspects of concealed carry instead of just blindly carrying a concealed weapon:

“A new handgun for personal protection - \$600.00

Ammunition for target practice and self defense - \$150.00

CCW course from John Hansen/BlackWolf, including fingerprinting and license application - \$110.00 (10/24/2010).

Knowing that, if ever you find yourself in a position where you need to protect your family and yourself, you have learned the Law pertaining to Justified Shooting and Use of Deadly ForcePRICELESS.”

Knowing what I have learned from your instruction, I am more than happy to refer people to you so that they at least have a fighting chance in explaining their need to use deadly force if ever they find themselves in such a situation.

M. Squire

- Thanks again for putting that class together (3/5/2011) for us and accommodating all of our needs. The class exceeded our expectations and everyone learned a whole lot...and had a great time to top it off. We are looking forward to practicing those drills that you taught us and hope to schedule another class with you soon.

D. Cotton

- John, Today, exactly 6 days after completing your class (2/26/2011), I receive my Concealed Weapons Permit from AZ DPS. This is exactly what you said may happen and it did!

Your class was very informative - especially since I've been a previous permit holder from another state and have been familiar with pistols for over 50 years. I highly recommend you and your classes for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of pistols and especially seeking a Arizona permit.

Thanks again,

J. Kelso

- John,

Thanks again for letting me sit through a second session of the classroom portion of your CCW class (3/5/2011), as it gave me additional useful information. You are really a great instructor and very knowledgeable. I'm trying to convince some of my other single lady friends that they need to take you class to learn how to protect their selves in the future.

M. Netherton

- **Also just wanted to say how much fun I had and how informative, patient, and professional you were.**

My husband and I had a great time at the range (April 2011), good luck and best regards in your business I will recommend your course to my family and friends.

Aloha,

LIZ

- On May 21 2011 I attended the CCW class with John Hansen as the instructor. I was very surprised at the amount of information given and to the amount of information I learned. I am 62 years old and somewhat from the old school. I was born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains so, I had a good understanding of firearms and felt there was little I could be taught. How foolish of me. I learned more during this one day class than I've learned in the last 30 years about firearms and the safety thereof. I also learned gun manipulation that reduced my grouping size by 50%. John is a true professional and easy to talk with. In my opinion he is also a born instructor. I will be forever grateful for his patience and knowledge and leadership. I look forward with excited anticipation to my next class. Just a note: John will teach you a little thing called "Trigger Reset" that I bet will reduce the size of your shot groupings more than you would ever believe. This one learned skill was well worth the cost of the class and the time it took to attend. As far as the price of the class, I've paid more for lunch at McDonalds.

Thank you John for you training and leadership.

W. Bell

- I was a student in your First Steps Pistol Orientation course May 21, 2011. You really gave me confidence and were very patient with all of us. I learned a lot in a short amount of time and really think you are a great teacher. Also the value for your course is fantastic! Thanks again John, I would refer you to anyone.

Sincerely, M. Taylor

- John,

Thanks again for the personal instruction and assistance with applying for my AZ CCW. My confidence was super high following today's range time and your suggestions for trigger control. I was worried I had purchased too high a caliber, but after today (8-6-2011), I felt I was in control of the gun and shot placement vs. the other way around. I look forward to spending more range time with you for the defensive handgun course at some point in the coming months.

S. Hodin

- **John, Just wanted to pass along a thank you for the course (10-29-2011) and to say that I was able to hone some of the fundamentals learned there in self-practice**

-- no longer quite as embarrassed at the 12-15yd range as I was before. A great confidence booster.

Alexander

- John -- On behalf of myself and my 2 sons I would like to thank you for the splendid class you conducted yesterday (March 10, 2012) on 'Defensive Hangun'.

It was an excellent course filled with important and relevant information. We all had a great time learning together. Both my sons and myself are interested in your 'follow-on' course and you will probably be hearing from us on that in the not too distant future -- I hope.

Randy Holbert

- John,

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for the instruction this morning (3/25/2012). The wife and I had so much fun I am still buzzing about it. If anyone that I know speaks of getting their CCW I will give them your information. Again, Thank you very much. Your class was very informative.

E. Lacy

- Hi John,

Just want to say thanks so much for the wonderful CCW class (4-22-2012)! My husband and I both thought it was perfect for what we needed. I was terrified of shooting a gun so your patience and skills were greatly appreciated. You made me feel comfortable and confident. You would think growing up as the daughter of a police officer I would have fired a gun at some point in my life but at 55 years young it was the first time I had fired a gun. I told my husband when we were in the car driving home that I felt like John Wayne after taking your class. We can't wait to take your defensive class in June. You are a great instructor!

J. Thompson

- My wife and I attended John's Defensive handgun class recently (5/12/2012). We had very little, to no shooting experience. When the class was finished we both had more confidence in our abilities. His real world approach is exactly what we were looking for. If your looking to obtain your CCW and get some training, Blackwolfe Defense is the place to go. He spends the time to help each student. He answered all the questions we had. We signed up not knowing really what to expect. We were blown away with the results of the class! We were very impressed. With this class we got more than we paid for. That's very rare these days. We will be signing our boys up next! Thanks so much!

J. & J. Perri

- John,

I want to once again thank you for the training we received on Saturday (8-11-2012). You have greatly enhanced my accuracy by explaining and demonstrating the trigger reset. Thanks! I sent my CCW application a few days ago and am anxiously waiting. Thanks again!

ERIC

- **John;**
Thank you so much for your training this morning (11-24-2012). You are very kind, knowledgeable, and above all patient, especially with us seniors. We will take your advice and practice, in that alone will we gain proficiency.

Again, thank you for today.

D. & S. Mickelson