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JOHN JOWDY TO RECEIVE THE WBW 2006 OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL COACH AWARD

John Jowdy of California, USA follows in the footsteps of Tom Kouros, Sid Allen, Fred Borden and Magnus Johnson to become the fifth person to receive the WBW Tom Kouros Outstanding International Coach Award.

'You couldn't meet a nicer guy' certainly applies to this outstanding gentleman, and you probably couldn't meet a more talented coach either. For more than 40 years, many of the top professional players and leading amateur bowlers will credit John for the incredible knowledge and advice that he can pass on.

Although John is in his 80s, he still active on the PBA Tour and doing Clinics and private lessons. He writes an Instructional monthly column for Bowling This Month magazine, and twenty publications around the U.S. Last year he traveled to Vienna in Austria to coach players at the Vienna Open, along with his trademark foot-long cigar, and will make the return journey in October this year.

A few of his lifetime achievements include:



- **PBA Hall of Fame – 1998**
- **Texas Hall of Fame – 1999**
- **ABC Hall of Fame – 2001**
- **Worked for Columbia Industries from 1962-Present as Columbia's representative on PBA Tour, attending every PBA tournament.**
- **Coached over 100 pro bowlers (men and women) for free – at one Firestone tournament of Champions. Four of the TV finalists publicly thanked John for helping them make the TV finals.**
- **Held bowling clinics in the United States, Canada, St. Martins, Japan, UAE and Austria.**

WBW President Hazel McLeary will make the official presentation to John during the upcoming USBC Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Keith Hale

I would like to add my congratulations to those that will flood in for John Jowdy. I first met John way back in 1971, just before the World Championships in Milwaukee. Like myself, John was over-nighting at the fine residence of Bowlers Journal's Mort Luby, then a townhouse on the north side of Chicago. It was a neat, comfortable but strange house, at least to me. The kitchen was on the third floor and the main piece of furniture in that room was an excellent Murrey pool table. This was my first experience of the mostly American game and, being a past snooker champion, I reveled in potting balls in those wide pockets. So, whilst Luby acted as short-order cook with breakfast, I wiped the floor with John at eight-ball.

We have renewed our friendship many times since. Luby and I always used the Columbia booth as headquarters at the annual NSGA shows in Chicago and Houston and John comes to the World Championships whenever he can. John is a wonderful character, the life and soul of bowling. It is such a shame they broke the mould from which he was born.