

Galen B. Back
Knight of Whiskey Creek
Churchville, Virginia
Inducted 1989

Galen Back, born 1932 began jousting under the title of "Knight of Whiskey Creek" in 1946 at the early age of 15. He rode with his brother, Charles and Stanley Back.

In West Virginia, Galen rode in Moorefield, Elkins, Kirby, Augusta, Franklin and Lewisburg. In Virginia he rode in McDowel, Churchville, Monterary, Amherst, Richmond, Woodstock, Western State Hospital in Staunton, and of course, Natural Chimneys. Galen took first, second and third places in several of these tournaments during his years of riding.

Galen Back has been the biggest inspiration to the young riders of Churchville, located a few miles from the Natural Chimneys Park. His knowledge of jousting is the reason so many are constantly asking him for direction in this sport.

Due to an unforeseen accident which left his legs paralyzed , Galen is no longer able to ride tournament. But this has not stopped his love for the sport of jousting. His nephew proudly accepted his title, Knight of Whiskey Creek, in his stead. Under his guidance, his family and friends continued in this tradition, later forming the Natural Chimney Jousting Club, in which he is an honorary member.

Mr. Back lives and works his 156 acre farm in Churchville, Virginia. He is ever ready to advise any and all local riders interested in becoming a Knight of Jousting.

It is with great honor that we induct Galen B. Back to our National Jousting Hall of Fame.