

William M. “Bud” Brinkley

Knight of Buxton
Virginia
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There’s scarcely a jousting in Virginia who would not easily recall the name of Bud Brinkley, so unique was his sense of humor and his good-natured approach to jousting competition.

While Bud studied under the renowned champion, Louis Proctor, in the years just before World War II, it was not until he emerged as a wounded veteran of the Korean War that he began jousting with frequency at such events as Fairmont, West Virginia, Amherst, Marlinton, Hot Springs, Natural Chimneys and Big Bend.

While Bud is recognized and appreciated for doing so much to keep the FUN in jousting, he also made an enormous contribution to the Big Bend Tournament during its 21-year history as a “major”. It would not have reached the stature it attained without the background assistance of every sort that Bud Brinkley unstintingly gave it.

