

**Albert Crites**  
Knight of Walnut Bottom  
Fisher, West Virginia  
Inducted 1979

Albert Crites has been involved in the sport of jousting for over twenty five years. He has served as President of the South Branch Riders Association for six years and held other offices in the club- over a period of ten years. He also held various offices including President of the West Virginia Jousting Club and he represented the West Virginia Riders at the National Jousting Association Meetings each year.

Mr. Crites has participated in more tournaments and has won more awards than any rider in the history of West Virginia jousting. He has won over eleven trophies in competition including the West Virginia State Championship three times. He has contributed much to the sport including teaching jousting and transporting other riders' horses to the various Jousting Tournaments. His protégées in Jousting are his two beautiful daughters, who are following in his footsteps in their efforts to become champion jousters.

Albert Crites is credited by his fellow West Virginians as having done more than anyone else to keep West Virginians active and competitive in the sport of jousting. He is described in the words of his colleagues as being--"An excellent horseman, a beautiful rider, a consistent winner and a good sport."