

RESUME OF DON POY

My umpiring career started about 1988-89 season at the then U14 G's SI Tournament held at Gore. Passed my theory exam. Had to wait for a qualifying tournament. Went to various Sth Is Tournaments till gaining my NZ Badge January 1993 U 19B's at Canterbury.

I then umpired at men's and women's tournaments around NZ including Toho Bank Pink Panthers vs Southland women in 1996. Plus TCU at 1st Combined SI U 15 B & Gs 96-97 and TCU U17B's 97-98 at Invercargill. In 1998 went to the NSW Open State Champs as an exchange umpire. A very good experience.

My career highlight would have to be Plate Umpire Australia vs Southland & Blacksox vs Australia 2nd Base on a 4 man team 2000. From 1995-2000 I was the only umpire still active in Southland which was quite a challenge at times. There are only two umpires at present - trying another recruitment drive this season.

In October 2009 attended the World Masters Games in Sydney and the NZ Masters Dunedin as team umpire for the Oddsocks Masters Ladies team from Gore. 2009-10 was TCU at Sec Sch Div 2 at Dunedin & 2010-11 was an evaluator at the U15 B & G's at Invercargill. I am also a Board Member of Softball Southland and will be dusting off the umpiring gear this season and I wish NZ Umpires all the best for the coming season.