



Tennis Seniors NSW is saddened to hear of the passing of Beth Lown on Christmas Day three weeks shy of her 101st birthday. There will be a service in January but no date has been set at this time.

Beth was born in an era when there wasn't a great deal of competition for women. Luckily for her, when she was a young girl, her family moved to West Ryde in Sydney and built a tennis court in their backyard. She married Jack Lown and had three children in the 1950s. Beth started in "C" grade in the North Western Suburbs Tennis Association and when Veteran's tennis began in 1970 as a "men only" event she had become quite an accomplished player. A year later, women were accepted into Vet's tennis and Beth won both the Singles and Doubles titles in the National Capital Veteran's Tennis Championships. This was the beginning of a long career in Vet's tennis. In 1978, she was a member of the successful NSW Women's 50s team in the Australian Vet's Championships. She made her international debut as the Captain of our Maria Bueno Cup in 1983 in Pörschach, Austria. Beth continued to represent Australia in World Senior's Championships in 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001 & finally in 2002. In 2003 when she was interviewed by Tennis Seniors NSW about her career in tennis she simply said "I have been so fortunate in my tennis life."

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