April 24, 1963, the Club celebrated its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. Silver cards were printed with the inscriptions:

Welcome to
Our Twenty-fifth Anniversary!
The Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club


1967 The club did not observe the 30th anniversary. Dr. Cecil Forslund, a dentist from Nebraska who joined the club in 1962, was elected club president. Otto Pedersen, vice-president; Mary MacDonald, secretary; Clark Andrew, treasurer; John Coleman, games; Travis Broadbent, greens; Jean Wilson, historian; Dr. Forslund,
instructor. Frank Wilson, one of the original Charter Members, died that year. The club membership was 188 plus an additional 4 associate members.

1977 marked the club’s 40th year; however it was not celebrated until 1978 when Lloyd Roark was president.

50th Anniversary Party
Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club celebrated its “Golden Anniversary” on Thursday, December 10, 1987, at the Spencer Adams Greens with 200 members and guests participating. The anniversary day featured morning and afternoon tournaments won with teams headed by Lynn Abbott and Stan Beckstead. Recreation Director Richard Johns presented a trophy to Eve Rowbottam age 91, the oldest active woman bowler (member since 1939) and to Warren “Skinny” De Young, age 92 (a 23-year member) who was the oldest active male bowler. The oldest club member was Bob Locke who celebrated his 100th birthday in January. An old-timers round was played by Skinny De Young, Harold Barber, Eve Rowbottam, Dewey and Boyd Stark. The event was followed by a “spider” contest. Winners received a bottle of champagne. President Lynn Abbott presented his Club Service Award to Maury Wylde.

Past presidents attending were Leonard Cutshall, 1970; Charles Fleck, 1980; and Bud Weiss, 1984-1986 and the newly-elected president for 1988. Other officers for 1988 include: Vice-president Pearl Howe, Secretary Margaret Remmers, Treasurer David Jones and Historian Irene Furman.
60th YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 1997 Pearl Howe announced plans were being made to properly celebrate this auspicious occasion. Lynn Abbott volunteered to provide financial backing while Leo Howe would provide organizational expertise. Thursday, May 15th 1997, was selected as the date for this GALA EVENT. The Board approved a contract with the Elks Lodge to cater a barbecue dinner at a cost of $6.95 per plate. The Flower Fund covered the costs for members; charge for guests of accompanying members will be $5. Pearl Howe and Carol Smith prepared a list and sent invitations to honored guests.

THE CLUB’S 60th BIRTHDAY was celebrated May 15th with an afternoon of friendly but competitive bowling with 72 bowlers competing in the 12 o’clock game won in a sudden-death playoff by the team of Dom Balistreri, Al Williams, Stan Bloom who each received $20 donated by Pearl and Leo Howe.

The 2 o’clock game brought out 84 bowlers who vied for a “magic number” total game score selected by the Howes. Lucky winners of $10 each were the teams of Ruth McLeod & Dita Joseph which included Gib Gibbs, Art Christman, Jim Klugh and Hank Van Wingerden. Case and Connie Van Wingerden provided chips, dips and fine wines to “relax” the celebrants. Case led the group in singing “Happy Birthday.” City Councilman Greg Hart congratulated the club and Peggy Singer of MacKenzie Park presented a bouquet with best wishes and congratulations. Special thanks were given to the kitchen crew of Vivian Togni, Jo Millett, Vera Holgate, Margie Stevens, Catherine Kraus and Barbara Meek. Eleanor and Byron Simmons managed the guest list and much labor and planning for procurement of tables, chairs and all the necessary accommodations for the 172 happy revelers. Bill Joseph, Jim Klugh, Jim Stahl, Jim Muilenburg and Cal Reynolds organized and preparing the grounds and equipment. Past President Carol Smith gave a brief history of the club’s 60 years.

In Dudley Miller’s words, “SKOAL TO ANOTHER BIRTHDAY PROPERLY CELEBRATED.”
A summary of the 70th anniversary celebration held in 2007 follows:

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club volunteers were recognized by the Parks & Recreation Commission in recognition of the club’s 70th anniversary as well as the contributions of its volunteers who spend thousands of hours keeping the greens running smoothly and teaching newcomers lawn bowling basics. Members in attendance to accept the recognition were: John Percy, Therese Van Wolfsinkle, President Lee Schmedes, Daphne Balistreri, Carol Smith, Dom Balistreri, Connie Allen, Rafael Cardenas, Chuck Graffy, and George Glerum

SANTA BARBARA LBC 70th ANNIVERSARY
And PRESIDENTS’ DAY
August 11, 2007

SBLBC BENEFACTORS
Stanley and Wanda Palmer

Jason Bryan, Nancy Rapp
Parks & Rec

SBLBC PAST PRESIDENTS
Dorothy Thielges, Bill Schultz, Jim Stahl, Eleanor Simmons, John O’Dea, Carol Smith, Charles Fleck.

Thank you, Maxie & Jess
The roses are beautiful!

SPIDER WINNERS
Margery Goodnow, Daphne Balistreri, Guest
Ernie Earnhardt, Mary Penny, Raphael Cardenas

In 2007, Dudley Miller wrote a history book for the club’s 70th anniversary.

LINES FROM LEE President Lee Schmedes gave George Glerum and his great 70th anniversary committee a huge THANK YOU for making the celebration a howling success. The gorgeous roses decorating the tables were grown by Jess Jessum and his Garden Gang on our campus. Maxine Johnson did the arranging. Mayor Marty Blum and husband Joe; Steve Forsell, Parks & Recreation Commissioner and his wife; and Nancy Rapp, Director of Parks & Recreation attended and promised to give lawn bowling a shot. We bowled, played crazy games, recognized former club presidents Dorothy Thielges (2004-2005), Bill Schultz (2002-2003), Jim Stahl (2000-2001), Eleanor Simmons (1999), John O’Dea (1997-1998), Carol Smith (1995-1996), Charles Fleck (1980); made speeches while standing on the red carpet, mingled with dignitaries, distributed a super 1937-2007 history of SBLBC written by Dudley Miller; visited the barbeque table and closed by singing favorites from a newly printed club song book. Thank you all for making our celebration so memorable. May we continue to have a song in our hearts and have fun. Your Pres. Lee
The celebration began with a heavy marine layer, but the spirits of official greeter Joy Thornton and Connie Steketee (who painted while we bowled) were not dampened! Fortunately, the drizzle stopped and a great day was enjoyed by the 60 members and guests who signed in. Fun games included a spider game, two bowl-to-ditch games, and a challenging twist to the blind-draw game in which 3 jacks were bowled to: leads to a short jack, vices to mid-length jack, and skips to the long jacks. Tony Cunningham explained the games and assisted with the scoring during the first few ends.

**GAME WINNERS**
Mary Penny, Glenn Turner, Jeff Adams

**BOWL TO DITCH**
Dale Jackson, Jim Stahl

**SPIDER**
Ed Blessing, Tony Cunningham

**DIRECTOR**
Tony Cunningham
Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club 75th Anniversary
Afternoon Festivities

SBLBC President Tim Thornton presented City Representatives Mayor Helene Schneider, Council Member Frank Hotchkiss, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Casebeer, Director Nancy Rapp and several other Parks & Rec. personnel who were in attendance. Mayor Schneider read a Proclamation recognizing the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club for its 75-year historical significance to the City of Santa Barbara and proclaimed October as “Lawn Bowling in Santa Barbara Month”. Parks & Recreation Director Rapp commended SBLBC for its contribution to active seniors in Santa Barbara.

Carol Smith, Club Representative to the Parks & Recreation Department, spoke of the historical significance of the club and commended Lucille Jackson for the 75-year history book, a compilation of picture albums, newsletters, and minutes produced by club historians, photographers, and newsletter editors which will be published after the final club activities for 2012 have been completed. Bud Viard spoke to the issue of the proposal by the Garden Court II Master Plan which Nancy Rapp brought to club representatives at a meeting in September when Nancy supported bringing the proposal to the City Council very soon which made our club members very uneasy about the prospects of losing our home base. Director Rapp disapproved of Bud’s statements and said there was no cause for alarm; the project was just in a discussion stage.

Connie Steketee produced this beautiful painting as a fund-raiser for the silent auction. President Tim Thornton was the highest bidder at $85. He plans to donate the painting to the club and display it in the clubhouse.

Thank you Connie and Tim!

Betty Cunningham puts the finishing touches on the anniversary cake for the lunch. Stephanie Viard hosted the morning repast. Thanks to the planning committee of Tim Thornton, Bud Viard, Lee Schmedes, Tony Cunningham and George Glerum, and to the volunteer club members, the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club 75th Anniversary Celebration was very successful.