

BOSTON BEER CO INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Grinnell David L.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

BOSTON, X1 02159

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President of Brewing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Pr |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.65 | 01/01/2008 | A | | 3,000 | | (1) | (1) | Class A Common | 3,000 \$ 3 |
| Restricted Stock Award | \$ 0 | 01/01/2008 | A | | 1,593 | | (2) | (2) | Class A Common | 1,593 \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Grinnell David L. C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 BOSTON, X1 02159 | | | Vice President of Brewing | |

Signatures

David L.
Grinnell

01/03/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Reporting Person's right to exercise this option is contingent upon the Company's 2008 performance against a benchmark, which performance will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on or before March 1, 2009. If the Company does not meet the benchmark, the Option shall lapse as to 50% or all of the shares, based on the Committee's determination. If the benchmark is met or exceeded, the Option shall become exercisable as to a maximum of 600 shares on 1/1/09 and 600 shares on each of 1/1/10, 1/1/11, 1/1/12 and 1/1/13, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

(2) 318 shares will vest on each of 1/1/09 and 1/1/10 and 319 shares will vest on each of 1/1/11, 1/1/12 and 1/1/13, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

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