

Geist John C  
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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 \*  
Geist John C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP of Sales

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common	03/18/2008		M	3,500 A \$ 14.47	5,050	D	
Class A Common	03/18/2008		M	2,700 A \$ 18.465	7,750	D	
Class A Common	03/18/2008		M	1,000 A \$ 21.14	8,750	D	
Class A Common	03/18/2008		M	4,000 A \$ 24.95	12,750	D	
Class A Common	03/18/2008		S	12,750 D \$ 46.8859	0	D	

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	03/18/2008		M	3,500	01/01/2008	01/01/2013	Class A Common	17,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.465	03/18/2008		M	2,700	01/01/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2014	Class A Common	13,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.14	03/18/2008		M	1,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2008	01/01/2015	Class A Common	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.95	03/18/2008		M	4,000	01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/01/2016	Class A Common	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Geist John C C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE BOSTON, MA, X1 02210			VP of Sales	

## Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of John C.  
Geist

03/19/2008

\_\_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).
- (1) The remaining 2,700 shares will vest on 1/1/2009.
- (2) The remaining 2,000 shares will vest on 1/1/09 and 1/1/10
- (3) The remaining 12,000 will vest on 1/1/09, 1/1/10 and 1/1/11

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