

HANDLER DAVID A
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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 *
 HANDLER DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
 [PENN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 WYOMISSING, PA 19610

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	01/03/2012		M	2,371 A (3)	63,566	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2012		D	2,371 D \$ 38.07	61,195	D	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	01/03/2012		A	6,567	(2) (2)	Common Stock	6,567
Phantom Stock Unit	(3)	01/03/2012		M	2,371	01/03/2012 01/03/2012	Common Stock	2,371

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HANDLER DAVID A
825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200 X
WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Signatures

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for David A
Handler 01/05/2012

__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) Upon vesting, the recipient is entitled to a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Unit is scheduled to vest as follows: 1,642 units on January 3, 2013; 1,642 units on January 3, 2014; 1,642 units on January 3, 2015 and 1,641 units on January 3, 2016.
- (3) The recipient receives a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's Common Stock.

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