

BOSTON BEER CO INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Grinnell David L.
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2008

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

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

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	150	D	À

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	Â (1)	Class A Common	2,500	\$ 35.98	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	Â (2)	Class A Common	4,500	\$ 24.95	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	Â (3)	Class A Common	5,200	\$ 21.14	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	Â (4)	Class A Common	5,400	\$ 18.465	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/01/2008	01/01/2013	Class A Common	2,400	\$ 14.47	D	Â
Restricted Stock Award	Â (5)	Â (5)	Class A Common	963	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Award	Â (6)	Â (6)	Class A Common	889	\$ 0	D	Â

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, MA, X1 02210

Â Â Â Vice President of Brewing Â

Signatures

David L. 01/03/2008
Grinnell

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 2007 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, 2008. If the Company does not meet the benchmark the Option shall lapse as to 50% or all of the shares, based on the Board's determination. If the benchmark is met or exceeded, the option may become exercisable as to a maximum of 500 shares on March 1, 2008 and subsequently a maximum of 500 shares on each of 1/1/09, 1/1/10, 1/1/11 and 1/1/12, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.
- (1) Of this option, 1,800 shares have vested. 900 shares will vest on 1/1/09, 900 shares will vest on 1/1/10 and 900 shares will vest on 1/1/11, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

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- (3) Of this option, 2,000 shares are vested. 1,600 shares will vest on 1/1/09 and 1,600 shares will vest on 1/1/10, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable reporting date.
- (4) Of this option, 3,600 shares are vested. The remaining 1,800 shares will vest on 1/1/09, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.
- (5) 321 shares will vest on each of 1/1/09, 1/1/10 and 1/1/11, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.
- (6) 222 shares will vest on each of 1/1/09, 1/1/10 and 1/1/11 and 1/1/12 shares will vest on 1/1/12, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

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