

Hood Matthew D
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FORM 4

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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 *
Hood Matthew D

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

 (Street)
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

 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)
Chief Marketing Officer

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	Price		
Common Stock					12,500 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2008		A	5,000	A \$ 10.11	0 ⁽³⁾	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	\$ 10.69			Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable: 07/29/2009 Expiration Date: 07/29/2018	Title: 25,000 <u>(2)</u> Amount or Number of Shares: 10.69	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hood Matthew D 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647			Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

Dianne Scott Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew D. Hood	01/15/2009
**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) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installments of 2,500 beginning on 7/29/2009.
- (2) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) These shares represent a restricted stock award vesting in five equal installment of 1,200 beginning on 12/31/2009.

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