

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
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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 *
BROWN WILLIAM E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/24/2008

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

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

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

(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 Stock	11/24/2008		G	V	141,100 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 0 3,222,784
Class A Common Stock	11/24/2008		G	V	124,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0 124,500
Class A Common Stock	03/26/2009		A		27,706 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0 3,250,490
Class A Common	03/26/2009		F		9,905 ⁽³⁾	D	\$ 7.76 3,240,585

By Irrevocable Trusts

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- (3) Shares delivered by the Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability. The amount of shares withheld is based on the closing price of CENTA on March 26, 2009.

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