

Geist John C  
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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 \*  
Geist John C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2011

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)  
VP of Sales

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			
Class A Common	01/01/2011		M	330	A \$ 14.97	330	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2011		M	162	A \$ 21.588	492	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2011		M	155	A \$ 22.59	647	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2011		M	205	A \$ 17.04	852	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2011		M	125	A \$ 27.96	977	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	
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 14.97	01/01/2011		M		330	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	1,649
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 21.588	01/01/2011		M		162	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	810
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 22.59	01/01/2011		M		155	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	774
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 17.04	01/01/2011		M		205	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	1,026
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 27.96	01/01/2011		M		125	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	625
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 95.09	01/01/2011		A		80,000	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2020	Class A Common	80,000

## Reporting Owners

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

BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

## Signatures

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

01/04/2011

\_\_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) Restricted Stock Purchase pursuant to the Investment Share Program under the Issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Plan, shares vest 20% over 5 years from date of purchase.
- (2) So long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date, 48,000 shares shall vest on January 1, 2016, and 8,000 shares shall vest on January 1 in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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