

PUCHNER ALEX
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PUCHNER ALEX

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President Brewing Ops

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	1,955 (2)	D	\$ 0	0 (1)	D	Â
Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	1,955	A	\$ 0	1,955 (1)	I	By Trust
Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	25,000 (2)	D	\$ 0	0	D	Â
Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	25,000	A	\$ 0	25,000	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	24,500 (2)	D	\$ 0	0	D	Â
Common Stock	05/07/2008	Â	G	24,500	A	\$ 0	24,500	I	By Trust

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)	9. of
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCHNER ALEX 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647	Â	Â	Â	Sr. Vice President Brewing Ops

Signatures

Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Alex Puchner
Date: 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 391 shares beginning on 1/2/2009.
- (2) These shares were gifted by the reporting person to a revocable trust.

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