

PUCHNER ALEX  
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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 \*  
PUCHNER ALEX

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2011

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

(Street)  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, no par value (3)	12/29/2011		F	70	D \$ 45.68	7,830	D
Common Stock, no par value						73,218	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 37.03					12/29/2011 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/29/2020	Common Stock	2,565
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 18.86					12/30/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/30/2019	Common Stock	10,083
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 13.57					02/09/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/15/2014	Common Stock	2,500
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 15.5					02/22/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock	4,570
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 23.26					01/04/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/04/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 19.96					01/03/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/03/2017	Common Stock	7,500
Non Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.63					01/02/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/02/2018	Common Stock	4,707

Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 10.11	12/31/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2018	Common Stock	10,500
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Dianne Scott, Attorney-in-fact for Alexander M. Puchner	12/30/2011
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) The options vest 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) The options vest 33 1/3% per year beginning on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.

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