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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> 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)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP of Sales
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> 01/01/2012	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

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	01/01/2012		M		162	A	\$ 21.588	162	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2012		M		155	A	\$ 22.59	317	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2012		M		205	A	\$ 17.04	522	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2012		M		125	A	\$ 27.96	647	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2012		P		61	A	\$ 57.054	708	D	

**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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 21.588	01/01/2012		M			162	(1)	(1)	Class A Common	810	\$ 21.588	0	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 22.59	01/01/2012		M			155	(1)	(1)	Class A Common	774	\$ 22.59	156	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 17.04	01/01/2012		M			205	(1)	(1)	Class A Common	1,026	\$ 17.04	411	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 27.96	01/01/2012		M			125	(1)	(1)	Class A Common	625	\$ 27.96	375	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase (Class A Common)	\$ 57.054	01/01/2012		M			61	(1)	(1)	Class A Common	306	\$ 57.054	245	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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.

Kathleen H. Wade under  
POA for the benefit of John 01/05/2012  
C. Geist

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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