

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BOOTH STUART W**

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)  
 05/14/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, CFO & Secretary

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  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2007                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 3,000 A \$ 7.28   | 13,000   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2007                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 2,181 D \$ 14.67  | 10,819   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/14/2007                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 6,000 A \$ 7.23   | 26,000   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/14/2007                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 4,447 D \$ 13.83  | 21,553   | D                                 |



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- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (2) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales price on the date of exercise.

- These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 15,000 options, 20% vested on February 10, 2007 and 20% will vest upon each
- (3) of the fifth and sixth anniversaries of the grant date of February 10, 2003, with the remaining 40% vesting upon the seventh anniversary of the grant date.

- These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 30,000 options, 20% vested on February 10, 2007 and 20% will vest upon each
- (4) of the fifth and sixth anniversaries of the grant date of February 10, 2003, with the remaining 40% vesting upon the seventh anniversary of the grant date.

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