

Schiller Steven Clay
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Schiller Steven Clay

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP Marketing

(Street)

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/11/2005		A		8,000	A	\$ 0 (1)
					8,000	D	

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)

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Table with 7 columns: 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4). Includes entry for an Option with price \$18.86 and date 05/11/2005.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Sub-headers for Relationships include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other. Lists Schiller Steven Clay, 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 with relationship SVP Marketing.

Signatures

David C. Milne, Attorney in fact 05/12/2005

**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) This transaction reflects the grant to Mr. Schiller of 8,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Company's Capital Appreciation Plan, an employee benefit plan approved by the Company's shareholders pursuant to Rule 16(b)(3).
(2) The Options granted to Mr. Schiller vest 20% immediately and at a rate of 20% each anniversary thereafter until fully vested. They expire 5 years after the date of grant.

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