

STEAK & SHAKE CO
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 8)1

The Steak n Shake Company
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)

857873-10-3
(CUSIP Number)

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New York, New York 10022
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 4, 2008
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " .

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP NO. 857873-10-3

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

The Lion Fund, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		2,423,945
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,423,945

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,423,945

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 857873-10-3

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Biglari Capital Corp.

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Texas

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Sardar Biglari

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GROUP (b) o

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USA

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SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		2,423,945
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Western Acquisitions L.P.

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Western Investments Inc.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Philip L. Cooley

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AF, WC, PF

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 8 (“Amendment No. 8”) to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned. This Amendment No. 8 amends and restates Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D in order to reflect certain formatting changes to the exhibit attached thereto.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 4, 2008, Sardar Biglari delivered a letter to Dr. John W. Ryan, Chairman of the Nominating/Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, responding to the Issuer’s offer to grant Mr. Biglari and Phil Cooley representation on the Board and the Issuer’s recent amendment to its Bylaws. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

A. Letter from Sardar Biglari to Dr. John W. Ryan, Chairman of the Nominating/Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of The Steak n Shake Company, dated February 4, 2008 (filed herewith as Exhibit A).

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 4, 2008

THE LION FUND, L.P.

By: Biglari Capital Corp.
General Partner

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari
Sardar Biglari, Chief Executive Officer

BIGLARI CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari
Sardar Biglari, Chief Executive Officer

WESTERN ACQUISITIONS L.P.

By: Western Investments Inc.
General Partner

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari
Sardar Biglari, Chief Executive Officer

WESTERN INVESTMENTS INC.

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari
Sardar Biglari, Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Sardar Biglari
SARDAR BIGLARI

WESTERN SIZZLIN CORP.

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari
Sardar Biglari, Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Sardar Biglari
SARDAR BIGLARI
As Attorney In Fact for Philip L. Cooley

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EXHIBIT A

THE LION FUND, L.P.
9311 SAN PEDRO AVENUE, SUITE 1440
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78216
TELEPHONE (210) 344-3400
FAX (210) 344-3411

SARDAR BIGLARI, CHAIRMAN

February 4, 2008

Dr. John W. Ryan
Chairman of Nominating/Governance Committee
The Steak n Shake Company
500 Century Building
36 South Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Dr. Ryan:

I received your letter of January 31, 2008, which offered my colleague, Philip L. Cooley, and me each a board seat. Unfortunately, in the same letter, you informed us that the board amended the company's bylaw provisions to effectively remove the option for shareholders to call a special meeting. The bylaw amendment to require the holders of 80% instead of the former 25% of the shares outstanding in effect eliminates a fundamental shareholder right to call a special meeting. This revision provides the board immunity, not accountability, and reveals a culture to which we cannot subscribe.

We accept your offer of two board seats provided that the board restores the shareholders' prerogative to call a special meeting when the votes from 25% of the shares outstanding are cast. Our acceptance of board seats would also require that the board adopt an additional provision that future revisions to this bylaw require shareholder approval. We have made a promise to Steak n Shake shareholders to protect their interests, a promise that we intend to keep. You, too, should think about your fiduciary duty and reputation.

Needless to say, as a byproduct of limitations on shareholder rights and privileges, the costs of a proxy fight and potential litigation pale in comparison to a decrease in the value of everyone's shares. Curtailing an owner's power is exactly the kind of behavior we do not approve of. Moreover, shareholders own the company and should be able to vote anyone on or off the board.

I trust that you as Chairman of the Steak n Shake Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will make the right decision and fulfill your duty and obligation as a board member of a publicly traded company.

Sincerely,

Sardar Biglari

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CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

THIS COMMUNICATION IS NOT A SOLICITATION OF A PROXY WHICH MAY BE DONE ONLY PURSUANT TO A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT. STOCKHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY THE LION FUND, L.P. ("LION FUND"), BIGLARI CAPITAL CORP. ("BCC"), WESTERN SIZZLIN CORP. ("WSC"), WESTERN ACQUISITIONS L.P. ("WAL"), WESTERN INVESTMENTS, INC. ("WII"), SARDAR BIGLARI AND PHILIP L. COOLEY, FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY, FOR USE AT ITS NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. WHEN COMPLETED, A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND A FORM OF PROXY WILL BE MAILED TO STOCKHOLDERS OF THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE AT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). IN ADDITION, COPIES OF THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS FOR COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OUR PROXY SOLICITOR, MORROW & CO., LLC AT ITS TOLL-FREE NUMBER (800) 607-0088. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROXY SOLICITATION ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE LION FUND, BCC, WSC, WAL, WII, SARDAR BIGLARI AND PHILIP L. COOLEY (THE "PARTICIPANTS"). INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THEIR DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTERESTS, BY SECURITY HOLDINGS OR OTHERWISE, IS CONTAINED IN THE SCHEDULE 13D FILED BY THEM WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 4, 2008 WITH RESPECT TO THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY, AS AMENDED. THAT SCHEDULE 13D, AS AMENDED, IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008, EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS MAY BE DEEMED TO BENEFICIALLY OWN 2,423,945 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) 941,200 SHARES HELD DIRECTLY BY LION FUND, (2) 1,467,445 SHARES HELD DIRECTLY BY WAL, (3) 12,300 SHARES HELD DIRECTLY BY PHILIP L. COOLEY, (4) 3,000 SHARES HELD DIRECTLY BY PHILIP L. COOLEY'S SPOUSE. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SUCH SHARES EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF HIS/ITS PECUNIARY INTEREST THEREIN.