

Taft Timothy P  
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**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Taft Timothy P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE LION FUND, L.P., 9311  
SAN PEDRO AVENUE, SUITE  
1440

(Street)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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
Common Stock, par value \$.50	03/18/2009		S		10,000	D	\$ 7.8637 (1)
Common Stock, par value \$.50	03/20/2009		S		34,450	D	\$ 7.4048 (3) 0

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taft Timothy P C/O THE LION FUND, L.P. 9311 SAN PEDRO AVENUE, SUITE 1440 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216		X		

**Signatures**

/s/ Taft,  
Timothy P.   04/17/2009

\*\*Signature of   Date  
Reporting Person

**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 price reported represents the weighted average price of shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$7.8500 - \$7.9300. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) The Reporting Person is a member of a Section 13(d) group with respect to the securities of the Issuer that beneficially owns in excess of 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the other members of the group except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
  - (3) The price reported represents the weighted average price of shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$7.3100 - \$7.5100. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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