

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
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 \*  
BALOUSEK JOHN

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., STE. 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/31/2007

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

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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                    | 05/31/2007                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   |   | 2,962  | A   | \$ 11.3  | 7,487                             | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 05/31/2007                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   |   | 2,327  | D   | \$ 14.385  | 5,160                             | D          |       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/31/2007                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   |   | 5,924  | A   | \$ 11.23   | 12,692                            | D          |       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/31/2007                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   |   | 4,984  | D   | \$ 13.35   | 7,708                             | D          |       |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Director Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 11.3  | 05/31/2007                           |  | M                              | 2,962   | <sup>(3)</sup> 08/09/2007                                | Common Stock  | 2,962                         |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 11.23   | 05/31/2007                           |  | M                              | 5,924   | <sup>(3)</sup> 08/09/2007                                | Class A Common Stock  | 5,924                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALOUSEK JOHN<br>1340 TREAT BLVD., STE. 600<br>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stuart W. Booth,  
Attorney-in-Fact

06/01/2007

\_\_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) Options granted pursuant to Central Garden & Pet Company 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options.
- (3) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 9, 2004, the date of the grant.

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