

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
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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 \*  
**BROWN WILLIAM E**

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)  
 07/15/2005

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/15/2005		M		30,000 A \$ 7.54	71,419	D
Common Stock	07/15/2005		F		14,192 (1) D \$ 48.58	57,227	D
Common Stock						6,000 (2)	I By Spouse

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.54	07/15/2005		M	30,000	07/22/2004 07/22/2005	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN WILLIAM E 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X		Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ William E.  
Brown 07/18/2005  
 \*\*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).  
 Includes 4,656 shares tendered by the reporting person to the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the  
 (1) above-reported exercise of options and 9,536 shares tendered to the Issuer in payment of the reporting person's withholding tax liability also incurred in connection thereto.  
 Shares held by spouse of reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his spouse, and this  
 (2) report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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