

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NOVOTNY GLENN W

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)  
 05/14/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Pres./ Chief Executive Officer

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000 A \$ 8.74   | 127,046  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/14/2007                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 3,904 D \$ 14.67  | 123,142  | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/14/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000 A \$ 8.67  | 254,137  | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/14/2007                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 7,976 D \$ 13.83  | 246,161  | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 8.74  | 05/14/2007                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | 06/16/2006 06/16/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 8.67  | 05/14/2007                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 06/16/2006 06/16/2007                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| NOVOTNY GLENN W<br>1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600<br>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X             |           | Pres./ Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte , attorney-in-fact for Glenn W. Novotny 05/16/2007

\*\*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).

Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the (1) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales price on the date of exercise.

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