

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC
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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 *
 GOEGLIN RICHARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC [PNK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/05/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.72	05/05/2009		A	15,000	05/05/2009 ⁽¹⁾	05/05/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom Stock Units	⁽²⁾	05/05/2009		A	728	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Common Stock	728

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOEGLEIN RICHARD J C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X			

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Richard J. Goeglein
 Date: 05/06/2009

__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) All of the stock options vested immediately on the date of grant.
 - (2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
 - (3) Units of phantom stock are payable in common stock following the reporting person's cessation of service as a director for any reason.
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