FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wilhite Clayton E (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET							Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [TAST] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/09/2011										olicable) etor er (give title v)	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street) SYRACUSE NY 13203 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									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. Transac Date (Month/Date)						eay/Year) Exec		2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securiti Disposed 5)					4 and Se Be Ov		Securities Beneficially		ership Direct ndirect r. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	,	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11341. 4)			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share 06/09/									A		2,778	78 A ⁽¹⁾		\$0	⁽¹⁾ 59,456		I)		
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	n Date, Transact Code (In 8)					6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares			nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dire or I (I) (nership m: ect (D) ndirect Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and are subject to restrictions on transfer. The stock award reported herein shall vest and the restrictions shall lapse as follows: 50% of the Shares reported on June 9, 2012 and the remaining 50% of the Shares reported on June 9, 2013, provided that the Reporting Person has continuously remained a director of the Issuer. Any unvested shares underlying the stock award reported herein will be immediately forfeited upon the Reporting Person ceasing to be a director. The stock award reported herein is not transferable unless vested.

<u>/s/ Clayton E. Wilhite</u> <u>06/13/2011</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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