

Biviano Michael  
Form 4  
March 06, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Biviano Michael

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
CARROLS RESTAURANT  
GROUP, INC. [TAST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT  
GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES  
STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Executive VP - Taco Cabana

SYRACUSE, NY 13203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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 (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	03/02/2012		M		6,175	A \$ 2.6	85,152 D

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.6	03/02/2012		M	6,175	<u>(1)</u>	01/15/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	6,175

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Biviano Michael C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET SYRACUSE, NY 13203	Executive VP - Taco Cabana

## Signatures

/s/ Michael A.  
Biviano 03/06/2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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).

The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and became  
(1) exercisable over a period of five years, with one-fifth (1/5) of such Options vesting on January 15, 2010 an additional one-sixtieth (1/60)  
of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after January 15, 2010.

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