#### VAIL RESORTS INC

Form 3

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement VAIL RESORTS INC [MTN] GARNSEY JOHN MCD (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer C/O VAIL RESORTS,

INC., Â 390 INTERLOCKEN CRESCENT, STE. 1000

(Street)

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

EVP & COO Beaver Creek

(Check all applicable)

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

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Reporting Person

### BROOMFIELD, COÂ 80021

(State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 1,263 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration 3. Title and Amount of Date (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase	09/28/2007(1)	09/28/2014(1)	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 18.73	D	Â
Option to Purchase	09/30/2006(2)	09/30/2015(2)	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 28.08	D	Â
Share Appreciation Rights (3)	10/04/2007(4)	10/04/2016(4)	Common Stock	14,012	\$ 39.72	D	Â
Share Appreciation Rights (3)	09/25/2008(5)	09/25/2017(5)	Common Stock	10,148	\$ 60.05	D	Â
Restricted Share Unit	09/30/2008(6)	09/30/2008(6)	Common Stock	667	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Share Unit	10/04/2008(8)	10/04/2009(8)	Common Stock	999	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Share Unit	09/25/2008(9)	09/25/2010(9)	Common Stock	1,025	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GARNSEY JOHN MCD C/O VAIL RESORTS, INC. 390 INTERLOCKEN CRESCENT, STE. 1000 BROOMFIELD. CO 80021	Â	Â	EVP & COO Beaver Creek	Â		

## **Signatures**

John McD.
Garnsey

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O1/10/2008

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- On Septmber 28, 2004, Reporting Person was granted 20,000 Employee Stock Options which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire 10 years from the grant date. Reporting Person has exercised and sold 2,000 options from this grant.
- On September 30, 2005, Reporting Person was granted 17,500 Employee Stock Options which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire 10 years from the grant date.
- Each Share Appreciation Right (each, an "SAR") represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting, an amount of shares of Issuer's common stock equal to the positive difference (if any) between the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date and the SAR exercise price, divided by the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date.

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On October 4, 2006, Reporting Person was granted 14,012 SAR's which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire 10 years from the grant date

- On September 25, 2007, Reporting Person was granted 10,148 SAR's which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire 10 years from the grant date
  - On September 30, 2005 Reporting Person was granted 2,000 Restricted Share Units which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date. On 9/30/06 the first tranche vested, 667 shares vested, 207 shares were withheld
- for taxes, 460 shares were issued. On 9/30/07 the second tranche vested, 666 shares vested, 207 shares were withheld for taxes, 459 shares were issued.
- (7) Each Restricted Share Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
  - On October 4, 2006 Reporting Person was granted 1,498 Restricted Share Units which vest in three equal annual installments
- (8) commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date. On October 4, 2007 the first tranche vested, 499 shares vested, 155 shares were withheld for taxes, 344 shares were issued.
- On September 25, 2007 Reporting Person was granted 1,025 Restricted Share Units which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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