

GATOFF ERIC
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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 *
GATOFF ERIC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATHAN'S FAMOUS,
INC., ONE JERICHO PLAZA

(Street)

JERICHO, NY 11753

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATHANS FAMOUS INC [NATH]

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

06/19/2012

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)

Chief Executive Officer

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)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/19/2012		M	A	60,000 (1) \$ 17.43	D	
Common Stock	06/19/2012		F	D	45,217 \$ 28.36	D	

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

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(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)	\$ 17.43	06/19/2012		M	60,000 <u>(2)</u>	09/17/2008 09/16/2012	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GATOFF ERIC C/O NATHAN'S FAMOUS, INC. ONE JERICHO PLAZA JERICHO, NY 11753			X	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Eric Gatoff 06/20/2012

**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).
- (1) These shares were acquired through the exercise of stock options granted on September 17, 2007 pursuant to the Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) These options were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2001 Stock Plan.

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