

MACKENZIE BRIAN S  
 Form 4  
 September 10, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 MacKenzie, Brian S.  
 108 Strathmore Drive  
 Greer, SC 29650  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Ryan's Family Steak Houses, Inc.  
 RYAN
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 08/31/2001
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Director
7. 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
			Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock	08/21/2001	M	5,000	A	\$7.68	
Common Stock	08/31/2001	S	200	D	\$17.55	
Common Stock	08/31/2001	S	2,800	D	\$17.45	5,500
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction	4. Derivative	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call
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	Price of	Date	Code	V	Amount	posed of (D)	Day/Year)	Date	Expir	A/Exer-ation	D cisa-Date	Title and Number of Shares	rit
Employee Stock Option	\$7.68	08/21	M			D		07/31	01/31			Common Stock	5,000
Right To Buy		/01						/94	/04				

Explanation of Responses:  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/Brian S. MacKenzie  
DATE  
09/10/2001