

Wallace Joseph John  
Form 4  
August 03, 2009

**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 \*  
Wallace Joseph John

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
COLLECTORS UNIVERSE INC  
[CLCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
COLLECTORS UNIVERSE,  
INC., P.O. BOX 6280  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/31/2009

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92658

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)
Common Stock	07/31/2009		A	50,517 (1)	A \$ 0 56,567 (2)	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)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Wallace Joseph John COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. P.O. BOX 6280 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92658	Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

Christine  
Kakour 08/03/2009

\*\*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) Awarded under the Issuer's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (which is a Section 16b-3 plan). Of these shares, 25% will vest immediately. The remaining 75% of the shares will be forfeited, in their entirety, if the Company fails to achieve, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, an operating income goal that has been established by the Compensation Committee. If that goal is achieved, then (i) another 25% of the shares will vest (that is, will cease to be subject to the risk of forfeiture) as a result of the achievement of that goal and (ii) the remaining 50% of the shares will vest in two equal annual installments on June 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively, in each case provided that the Reporting Person is still in the Issuer's service on such date.
- (2) 5,500 of the previously-reported shares were retroactively adjusted for the 10% stock dividend issued on November 3, 2008 to all of the Company's shareholders.

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