PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC Form SC 13G July 08, 2008

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.10 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

723456109

(CUSIP Number)

July 1, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)

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- o Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

^{*} The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

CUSIP No. 723456109

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Kenmare Capital Partners, L.L.C.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 1,652,099

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 0

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 1,652,099

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

1,652,099

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

0

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

2.8%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

OO

**SEE ITEM 4(b).

CUSIP No. 723456109

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Kenmare Select Management, L.L.C.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 50,000

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 0

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 50,000

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

50,000

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

0

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

0.08%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

OO

**SEE ITEM 4(b).

CUSIP No. 723456109

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Kenmare Offshore Management, L.L.C.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 1,351,497

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 0

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 1,351,497

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

1,351,497

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

2.3%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

OO

**SEE ITEM 4(b).

CUSIP No. 723456109

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Mark McGrath

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

U.S. Citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 3,053,596

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 0

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 3,053,596

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

3,053,596

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

0

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

5.1%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

IN

**SEE ITEM 4(b).

SCHEDULE 13G

This Schedule 13G (the Schedule 13G) is being filed on behalf of Kenmare Capital Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Kenmare Capital Partners), Kenmare Select Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Kenmare Select Management) and Kenmare Offshore Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Kenmare Offshore Management, and together with Kenmare Capital Partners and Kenmare Select Management, Kenmare), and Mr. Mark McGrath, principal of Kenmare.

This Schedule 13G relates to the shares of Common Stock, \$.10 par value (the Common Shares), of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., a Delaware corporation, purchased by Kenmare for the account of (i) Kenmare Fund I, L.P. (Kenmare I), of which Kenmare Capital Partners is the general partner, (ii) Kenmare Select Fund, L.P. (Kenmare Select), of which Kenmare Select Management is the general partner, and (iii) Kenmare Offshore Fund, Ltd.

(Kenmare Offshore), for which Kenmare Offshore Management acts as investment manager.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer.

Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices.

3800 Howard Hughes Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.

Kenmare Capital Partners, L.L.C., Kenmare Select Management, L.L.C.,

Kenmare Offshore Management, L.L.C. and Mark McGrath

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence.

712 5th Avenue, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10019

Item 2(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization.

Kenmare Capital Partners, Kenmare Select Management and Kenmare Offshore Management are each a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mark McGrath is the principal of Kenmare and a United States citizen.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities.

Common Stock, \$.10 par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number.

723456109

Item 3 Reporting Person.

Inapplicable.

Item 4 Ownership.

- (a) Kenmare and Mr. McGrath are the beneficial owners of 3,053,596 Common Shares.
- (b) Kenmare and Mr. McGrath are the beneficial owners of 5.1% of the outstanding Common Shares. This percentage is determined by dividing 3,053,596 by 59,954,181, the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of May 6, 2008 as reported in the Form 10-Q filed on May 12, 2008 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (c) Kenmare Capital Partners, as the general partner of Kenmare I, has the sole power to vote and dispose of the 1,652,099 Common Shares held by Kenmare I. Kenmare Select Management, as the general partner of Kenmare Select, has the sole power to vote and dispose of the 50,000 Common Shares held by Kenmare Select. Kenmare Offshore Management, as the investment manager of Kenmare Offshore, has the sole power to vote and dispose of the 1,351,497 Common Shares held by Kenmare Offshore. As the principal of Kenmare, Mr. McGrath may direct the vote and disposition of the 3,053,596 Common Shares beneficially owned by Kenmare.

The filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of any of the 3,053,596 shares of Common Shares owned by Kenmare I, Kenmare Select or Kenmare Offshore. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4, each of the Reporting Persons disclaims all such beneficial ownership.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Inapplicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported On by the Parent Holding Company.

Inapplicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Exhibits Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement dated July 8, 2008, between Kenmare and Mark McGrath.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 8, 2008

Kenmare Capital Partners, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Mark McGrath Mark McGrath, Principal

Kenmare Select Management, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Mark McGrath Mark McGrath, Principal

Kenmare Offshore Management, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Mark McGrath Mark McGrath, Principal

/s/ Mark McGrath Mark McGrath

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated July 8, 2008, between Kenmare and Mark McGrath.