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02/28/03

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.

- Name and Address of Reporting Person(s) Bradford, Douglas K. 10 Longs Peak Drive Broomfield, CO 80021-25102.
- Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ball Corporation (BLL)
- I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 2/28/2003
- If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [ ] Director [ ] 10% Owner [X] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below) CONTROLLER
- 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) Trans- 3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired(A) 5) Amount of 6) 7) Nature of action action or Disposed of (D) Securities Indirect  Date Code A Beneficially D Beneficial or Owned at or Ownership  Day/Year) Code V Amount D Price End of Month I  Common Stock 02/28/03 M 1,500 A \$13.3125 D Direct  Common Stock 02/28/03 M 500 A \$17.9688 D Direct  Common Stock 02/28/03 M 2,700 A \$27.5625 D Direct  Common Stock 02/28/03 M 800 A \$21.2250 11,795 D Direct  Common Stock 02/28/03 M 800 A \$21.2250 T 401(k) plan									
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	Common Stock Common Stock	02/28/03 02/28/03	M M	500 2,700	A A	\$17.9688 \$27.5625	11,795 968	D D D	Direct Direct

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

action

Derivative

Security		Code V A	D	Exercisable Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to\$13.3125 buy)	02/28/03	M	1,500	04/22/98 (1) 04/22/07
Employee Stock Option (right to\$17.9688 buy)	02/28/03	М	500	04/21/99 (1) 04/21/08
Employee Stock Option (right to\$21.2250 buy)	02/28/03	М	800	03/06/02 (1) 03/06/11
Employee Stock Option (right to\$27.5625 buy)	02/28/03	М	2,700	04/27/00 (1) 04/27/09

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1)Title of Derivative 3)Trans Security action Date	- 7)Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	8)Pric of Der vative Amount or Securi Number of Shares	i- Derivative Securities	D or I	) 11)Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (right to02/28/0 buy)	3 Common Stock	1,500	0	D	Direct
Employee Stock Option (right to02/28/0 buy)	3 Common Stock	500	0	D	Direct
Employee Stock Option (right to02/28/0 buy)	3 Common Stock	800	4,200	D	Direct
Employee Stock Option (right to02/28/0 buy)	3 Common Stock	2,700	900	D	Direct

## Explanation of Responses:

Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

Total number of Common Shares directly owned includes shares acquired through participation in the Ball Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Total number of 401(k) Plan shares includes shares acquired through periodic dividend reinvestment and employer matching contributions.

## SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog. For: Douglas K. Bradford

DATE 02/28/03