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Director

Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

03/21/03

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.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Sissel, George A.
10 Longs Peak Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80021-2510
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ball Corporation (BLL)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
3/21/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
BOARD DIRECTOR
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A or D Price	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	03/21/03	M	20,000	A \$17.9688		D	Direct
Common Stock	03/21/03	S	20,000	D \$55.2100	128,947	D	Direct
Common Stock					19,600	I	by Spouse

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

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans-action Date	4) Trans-action Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
			Code V A	D	Exercisable Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.9688	03/21/03	M	20,000	(1) 04/21/08

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

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Trans-action Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial or Ownership
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/21/03	Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON/S/

By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: George A. Sissel

DATE 03/21/03