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Director

Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

04/23/03

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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)
Bracken, Frank 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
4/23/2003
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)
RETIREE
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 | 5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 6) D or I | 7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Common Stock | 04/23/03 | A | 223 | A | 582,927 | D Direct |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,440 | 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 Code V | 5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A | 6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable | Expiration |
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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 Title | 8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares | 9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 10) D or I | 11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: Frank A. Bracken

DATE 04/23/03