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Director
Ball Corporation
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IRS-NUMBER  35-0160610

03/17/03

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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
   3/17/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   [X] Director [ ] 10% Owner
   [ ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below) BOARD DIRECTOR

7. 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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans-</th>
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<th>Securities Acquired(A)</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month</th>
<th>Nature of Ownership</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
<td>J (1)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>$53,6700</td>
<td>12,440</td>
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Table II (PART 1)  Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

Table II (PART 2)  Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans- action Date</th>
<th>Title and Amount of Underlying Securities</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Securities</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities</th>
<th>Nature of Beneficial Ownership</th>
<th>Indirect Beneficial Ownership</th>
<th>End of Month Beneficial Ownership</th>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON/S/
By:   Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.
For:  Frank A. Bracken
DATE   03/17/03