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Director
Ball Corporation
0000009389
IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610
03/17/03

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
3/17/2003

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)
[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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans-</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired(A)</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Indirect Beneficially Owned End of Month Beneficial Ownership</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>$17.9688</td>
<td>D Direct</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
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<td>20,000</td>
<td>$53.2800</td>
<td>D Direct</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
<td>J</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>$53.6700</td>
<td>128,947 D Direct</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>19,600</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>by Spouse</td>
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Table II (PART 1)  Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans-</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired(A)</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Security</th>
<th>6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
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<td>2) Conversion Date Code</td>
<td>3)Trans-</td>
<td>5)</td>
<td>Code</td>
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<td>or Exercise Date</td>
<td>action</td>
<td>of Derivative Security</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Exercisable Expiration</td>
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1, 3 and 7 through 11)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option (right to $17.9688)</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>D Direct</td>
<td>I Indirect</td>
<td>03/17/03</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
(2) 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 03/17/03