

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Roper, Martin F.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol The Boston Beer Company, Inc. (SAM)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President and C.E.O.		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 01/01/2003		
C/O The Boston Beer Company, Inc. 75 Arlington Street								
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
Boston, MA 02116								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common	01/01/2003		M		1,720	A	4.2938		D	
Class A Common	01/01/2003		M		1,789	A	5.30625		D	
Class A Common								3,509	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 4(b)(v).

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	14.47	01/01/2003		A		2,000		01/01/2004	03/02/2008	Class A Common	2,000	14.47	2,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	16.64	01/01/2003		A		2,000		01/01/2005	03/02/2008	Class A Common	2,000	16.64	2,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	18.81	01/01/2003		A		2,000		01/01/2006	03/02/2008	Class A Common	2,000	18.81	2,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	20.98	01/01/2003		A		2,000		01/01/2007	03/02/2008	Class A Common	2,000	20.98	2,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	20.98	01/01/2003		A		2,000		01/01/2008	03/02/2008	Class A Common	2,000	20.98	2,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	14.47	01/01/2003		A		20,000		Note 1	12/31/2012	Class A Common	20,000	14.47	20,000	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase	4.2938	01/01/2003		M		1,720		Note 2	Note 2	Class A Common	8,604	4.2938	3,444	D	
Restricted Stock Purchase	5.30625	01/01/2003		M		1,789		Note 2	Note 2	Class A Common	8,948	5.30625	5,370	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Note 1: Of these 20,000 option shares, 4,000 shares will vest on 1/1/2004, 1/1/2005, 1/1/2006, 1/1/2007 and 1/1/2008.

Note 2: Restricted Stock Purchase pursuant to the Investment Share Program under the issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Plan, shares vest at 20% over 5 years from date of purchase.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ **Martin F. Roper**

01/03/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person
Martin F. Roper

Date

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