FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HALL ROBERT H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]	Issue	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) 75 ARLING (Street)	(First) GTON STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2004		(Check all applicable) Director 10% (X Officer (give (specible) below) V.P. of Brand Developme				
BOSTÓN, (City)	MA X1 (State)	02116 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	(Che	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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		

	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8)		Number of Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Underlying		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)	\$ 18.465	01/01/2004		A		13,500		(1)	12/31/2013	Class A Common	13,500	\$ 18.465	13,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Note 1- Of these 13,500 option shares, 2,700 will vest on 1/1/05, 1/1/06, 1/1/07, 1/1/08 and 1/1/09.

Kathleen H. Wade under
Power of Attorney on behalf 01/02/2004
Robert H. Hall

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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