FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ROPER MARTIN F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
1	ast) (First) (Middle) /O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, IC., 75 ARLINGTON STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2005	X Director X Officer (give title below) President and	10% Owner Other (specify below) C.E.O.		
(Street) BOSTON (City)	MA (State)	02166 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8)			spos	Acquired ed of (D) nd 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		M		6,500	Α	\$ 11.9509	13,540	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		S		6,500	D	\$ 23	7,040	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		М		1,000	A	\$ 11.9509	8,040	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		S		1,000	D	\$ 23.05	7,040	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		М		2,300	Α	\$ 14.3125	9,340	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		S		2,300	D	\$ 23.05	7,040	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		М		200	Α	\$ 14.3125	7,240	D		
Class A Common	01/12/2005		S		200	D	\$ 23.13	7,040	D		

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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.9509	01/12/2005		D			7,500	01/01/2004	02/28/2005	Class A Common	7,500	\$ 11.9509	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.3125	01/12/2005		м			2,500	01/01/2005	02/28/2005	Class A Common	9,000	\$ 14.3125	6,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Helen F. Bornemann under
POA on behalf of Martin F. 01/13/2005
Roper

** 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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.