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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORP [BFT] Holmberg Gail J (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **BALLY TOTAL FITNESS** (Check all applicable) **HOLDING** CORPORATION. 8700 WEST 10% Owner Director **BRYN MAWR AVENUE** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Sr. VP, Chief Info. Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person CHICAGO, ILÂ 60631 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security
2. Amount of Securities
3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)
Form:
(Instr. 5)
Direct (D)
or Indirect

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock 28,400 (1) D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Zip)

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/17/2004(2)	02/17/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 6.55	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	05/15/2004(3)	05/15/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.04	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	10/30/2004(3)	10/30/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 7	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	03/08/2006(3)	03/08/2015	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 4.21	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	11/29/2006(3)	11/29/2015	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 7.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Holmberg Gail J					
BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORPORATION	â	â	Sa VD Chief Info Officer	â	

8700 WEST BRYN MAWR AVENUE CHICAGO, ILÂ 60631

A A Sr. VP, Chief Info. Officer

Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Gail J. Holmberg, By Marc Bassewitz, Agent 03/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Includes 13,400 shares owned directly and 15,000 shares subject to Restricted Stock Awards.
- (2) These options vested in 1/3 increments on an annual basis commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant. All of these options are currently exercisable.
- (3) These options vest in 1/3 increments on an annual basis commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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