

WILDMAN JOHN H  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WILDMAN JOHN H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORP [BFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
8700 WEST BRYN MAWR AVENUE  
(Street)  
CHICAGO, IL 60631  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/29/2005  
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
COO and Sr. VP  
6. 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)	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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code V	Amount			
Common Stock	11/29/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	60,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.01	245,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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

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

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.01	11/29/2005		A	25,000	11/29/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/29/2015	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILDMAN JOHN H 8700 WEST BRYN MAWR AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60631			COO and Sr. VP	

## Signatures

/s/ John H. Wildman By Marc Bassewitz,  
Agent

12/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Grant of a Restricted Stock Award.

(2) Includes 60000 shares owned directly and restricted stock awards of 185000 shares owned directly.

(3) These options vest on the anniversary of the date of grant in 1/3 increments over a three-year period commencing 11-29-2006.

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