

LIBERATION INVESTMENT GROUP LLC
Form SC 13D/A
August 29, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

**Information to be Included in Statements Filed Pursuant to Rule
13d-1(a) and Amendments Thereto Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-2(a)
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 24)***

BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.01 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

058 73K 10 8

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

August 28, 2006

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box " ".

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CUSIP No. 058 73K 10 8

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Liberation Investments, L.P.

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

(7) SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF (8) SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES

2,978,213

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON WITH

0

(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,978,213

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,978,213

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.21%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP No. 058 73K 10 8

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Liberation Investments, Ltd.

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

(7) SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF (8) SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON

0

(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,606,237

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,606,237

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

3.89%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP No. 058 73K 10 8

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Liberation Investment Group, LLC

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

(7) SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF (8) SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES

4,584,450

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON WITH

0

(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,584,450

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,584,450

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

11.10%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO, IA

CUSIP No. 058 73K 10 8

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Emanuel R. Pearlman

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

(7) SOLE VOTING POWER

35,000

NUMBER OF (8) SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES

4,619,450

BENEFICIALLY (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY

PERSON
WITH

35,000

(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,619,450

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,619,450

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

11.18%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN, HC

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Amendment No. 24 (this Amendment) relates to the Schedule 13D filed on behalf of (i) Liberation Investments, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (LILP); (ii) Liberation Investments, Ltd. (LILTD), a private offshore investment corporation; (iii) Liberation Investment Group, LLC (LIGLLC), a Delaware limited liability company and general partner of LILP and discretionary investment advisor to LILTD; and (iv) Emanuel R. Pearlman, as General Manager and majority member of LIGLLC (collectively with LILP, LILTD and LIGLLC, the Reporting Persons), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2004, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on July 13, 2004, Amendment No. 2 filed on August 27, 2004, Amendment No. 3 filed on September 1, 2004, Amendment No. 4 filed on September 10, 2004, Amendment No. 5 filed on December 13, 2004, Amendment No. 6 filed on April 26, 2005, Amendment No. 7 filed on May 6, 2005, Amendment No. 8 filed on July 19, 2005, Amendment No. 9 filed on July 22, 2005, Amendment No. 10 filed on September 19, 2005, Amendment No. 11 filed on October 11, 2005, Amendment No. 12 filed on October 31, 2005, Amendment No. 13 filed on November 14, 2005, Amendment No. 14 filed on November 22, 2005, Amendment No. 15 filed on December 7, 2005, Amendment No. 16 filed on December 14, 2005, Amendment No. 17 filed on December 23, 2005, Amendment No. 18 filed on December 27, 2005, Amendment No. 19 filed on January 12, 2005, Amendment No. 20 filed on January 17, 2005, Amendment No. 21 filed on January 18, 2005, Amendment No. 22 filed on January 26, 2006 and Amendment No. 23 filed on August 14, 2006 (the Schedule 13D), relating to shares of common stock (the Common Stock), \$.01 par value per share, of Bally Total Fitness Holding Corporation (the Company).

Items 4 and 7 of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

On August 28, 2006, a representative of LIGLLC executed a confidentiality agreement (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.34, the Confidentiality Agreement) with the Company pursuant to which the Company agreed to make available to LIGLLC and certain of its representatives on a confidential basis certain information (the Evaluation Material) of the Company, including, without limitation, information relating to the Company's business, products, markets, condition (financial or other), operations, assets, liabilities, results of operations, cash flows and prospects. LIGLLC entered into the Confidentiality Agreement in connection with the potential interest of the Reporting Persons in attempting to arrange or participate with third parties in an extraordinary corporate transaction with respect to the Company.

Following their review of the Evaluation Material, the Reporting Persons may determine to attempt to arrange or participate with third parties in an extraordinary corporate transaction with respect to the Company, such as an acquisition, a sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, a reorganization, a recapitalization, or a significant debt or equity investment.

As a result, the Reporting Persons may engage in discussions with the Company's stockholders, management or Board of Directors with respect to the foregoing. The Reporting Persons may also engage in discussions with the Company's stockholders, management or Board of Directors with respect to their investment in the Company, strategies to maximize shareholder value, the formulation of additional plans or proposals, and such other actions with respect to their investment in the Company as the Reporting Persons may determine to be appropriate.

The Reporting Persons may pursue alternatives to maximize the value of their investment in the Company. Such alternatives could include, without limitation, the purchase of additional Common Stock in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, and the sale of all or a portion of the Common Stock now owned or hereafter acquired by them. The Reporting Persons may also transfer shares to or from a Reporting Person to another Reporting Person.

The Reporting Persons reserve the right to revise their plans or intentions at any time and to take any and all actions that they may deem appropriate to maximize the value of their investment in the Company in light of their general investment policies, market conditions, subsequent developments affecting the Company and the general business and future prospects of the Company.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

The following exhibit is filed with this Amendment:

Exhibit 99.34. Confidentiality Agreement, dated August 28, 2006.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 29, 2006

LIBERATION INVESTMENTS, L.P.

By: Liberation Investment Group LLC, general partner

By: /s/ Emanuel R. Pearlman
Emanuel R. Pearlman
General Manager

LIBERATION INVESTMENTS, LTD.

By: /s/ Emanuel R. Pearlman
Emanuel R. Pearlman
Director

LIBERATION INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ Emanuel R. Pearlman
Emanuel R. Pearlman
General Manager

EMANUEL R. PEARLMAN

/s/ Emanuel R. Pearlman