BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORP Form 8-K October 15, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 14, 2002

BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: 0-27478

Delaware36-3228107(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)(I.R.S.
Employer
Identification
No.)8700 West Bryn60631

Mawr Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:	(773) 380-3000

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Item 5. Other Events

On October 14, 2002, Bally Total Fitness Holding Corporation announced the sale of a portion of its membership receivables portfolio. A copy of the press release relating to this sale is attached as Exhibit 99 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - c. Exhibits
 - 99 Press Release dated October 14, 2002

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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Registrant

Dated: October 15, 2002

/s/ John W. Dwyer

John W. Dwyer Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)

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