



THANK YOU for helping to make the 5th Annual N.B.T.A. “Battle of the Berkshires” Benefit Contest a SUCCESS!

“The Battle of the Berkshires” ALL TROPHY* benefit contest held in Springfield, MA, on November 7, 2004, raised seventeen hundred & two dollars for Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

*per NBTA rules—medals were awarded for Novice

20 teams & many soloists from Massachusetts, Connecticut, & New Hampshire took to the floor in friendly competition to raise money for the **Jimmy Fund**. The event proved to be an excellent warm-up contest for the new twirling season with a practice gym connected to the main gym.

Comments about this year’s contest:

“Tracey & Elaine, You both deserve a great part of the credit for your hard work to make everything go so smoothly for the judges. Great Job!!” Carolyn L.

“The contest ran like CLOCKWORK! Having 8 judges & many tabulators & clerks give up their day for twirling & the Jimmy Fund certainly helped (many hands make light work), everyone reported ON TIME (& early!), everyone took a quick lunch break & kept the contest moving...I was so amazed at how early we got out! (3:30 pm WITH a twirl-off!)”

The highlight of the day was a twirl-off of all first place solo winners in the Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner, Novice levels for the **2004 Battle of the Berkshires Twirl-Off** trophies. The twirl-off champions of the day were:

- **Alyssa Kane--advanced**
- **Laura Hunt—intermediate**
- **Jennifer McCurdy—beginner**
- **Kayla Pierce--novice**

NBTA judges who volunteered their services were:

- **Linda Friedman**
- **Tina Holmes**
- **Melissa Barnett**
- **Kristi Kupras**
- **Carolyn Letteney**
- **Nancy Locke**
- **Barbara Paine**
- **Cate Senecal**

Awards were donated by:

- **Annie Harding**
- **Diane Gangi George**
- **Jordan Foster**
- **Leah Maio**
- **Alyssa Kane**
- **Tina Holmes**
- **Kristen Fenton**
- **Sarah Maio**

We would like to thank those who volunteered, all participants, and the teachers who supported this contest so early in their twirling season:

Melissa Barnett, Darcy Beirne, Joanne Dion, Laurie Feinstein, Tracey Gangi, Tracy Gosson, Lynnette Hamlin, Peter Hall, Ann & Margaret Harding, Tina Holmes, Alex Kane, Barbara Kupras, Kristi Kupras, Nancy Locke, DeLynn Maio, Jenn McCormack, Holly Morin, Deanna Poulin, Colleen Tighe, Carol Trombley, & Gangi Strutters Parents.

Sincerely,

Tracey Gangi and Elaine Kane, Co-Directors

SAVE THESE 2005 DATES:

COACH OF THE YEAR CONTEST—SAT. MARCH 19, SPRINGFIELD, MA
NORTHEAST REGIONALS & OPEN TOURNAMENT
JUNE 11 & 12, BABSON COLLEGE

