

## **THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE 6TH 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 6, 2005, raised fifteen hundred & nineteen dollars for Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.**

Twenty teams & many soloists from Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, & Connecticut 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.

(\*per NBTA rules—medals were awarded for Novice)

**Comments about this year’s contest:**

***I wanted to let you know I had a great time yesterday! I thoroughly enjoyed the contest. Thanks for everything! Hopefully in March more of my students will attend the contest in Spfld. - I will continue to promote it.***  
**Melissa B.**

***Thank you for having me at your contest yesterday. It was a super day and a very well run contest. I really enjoyed myself! Please keep me in mind for other contests.***

***Best regards,***  
**Sue G.**

The highlight of the day was a twirl-off of all first place solo winners in the Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner, Novice levels for the **2005 Battle of the Berkshires Twirl-Off** trophies. The twirl-off champions of the day were:

- Alyssa McLaughlin--advanced
- Alicia Smith—intermediate
- Monica Kowalski—beginner
- Amanda Houlihan--novice

NBTA judges who volunteered their services were:

- Linda Friedman      Sue Gozzo Andrews
- Laurie Feinstein      Kristi Kupras
- Melissa Barnett      Barbara Paine
- Jennifer McCormack

Awards were donated by:

- Laura Green      Taylor Carley
- Alyssa Fleurent      Courtney Hall
- Megan Senecal      Kristen Fenton
- Leah & Sarah Maio
- Kara & Elizabeth Nietupski
- Joanna, Lisa, & Monica Kowalski



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

**Melissa Baris, Melissa Barnett, Darcy Beirne, Maura Bogardus, Joanne Dion, Laurie Feinstein, Tracey Gangi, Sarah Gemme, Sandy & Sue Gozzo, Tina Holmes, Gina Hutchinson, Alex Kane, Barbara Kupras, Charlie Kupras, Kristi Kupras, Allison LaBate, Esther Lesieur, Holly Morin, Deanna Poulin, Adrienne & Marian Royal, Darcy Rooney, Colleen Tighe, & Gangi Strutters Parents.**

**Sincerely,**

***Tracey Gangi and Elaine Kane, Co-Director***