



THANK YOU for helping to make the 4th 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 2, 2003, raised twelve hundred & fifty three dollars for Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

*per NBTA rules—medals were awarded for Novice

Here is a note from a contestant’s mom about the contest:

“Thank you so very much for running such a WONDERFUL contest! It is a fantastic idea to contribute to the Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Institute. And everything was executed perfectly!

We had a great trip and we all enjoyed the contest. Thank you for giving the twirlers a place to get the routines on the floor...AYOP was such a long time ago!

Please pass on to your staff and helpers what a great job everyone did.”

Kelli Russell, New York

This year’s event was made extra-special because of the amazing trophies donated by national & world champions, **Jennifer & Stephanie Radi** from upstate New York. A special thank-you goes to **Diane Gangi George**, who helped transport the over-sized trophies to Massachusetts in frequent trips over the past six months.

The highlight of the day was a twirl-off of all first place solo winners in the Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner, Novice levels for the **2003 Battle of the Berkshires Twirl-Off** trophies. The twirl-off champions of the day were:

- **Chelsea Russell--advanced**
- **Julia Jurgilewicz—intermediate**
- **Lisa Kowalski—beginner**
- **Sara Everett--novice**

NBTA judges who volunteered their services were:

- **Rachael Berkowitz**
- **Tina Holmes**
- **Holly Morin**
- **Kristi Kupras**
- **Esther Lesieur**
- **Nancy Locke**
- **Barbara Paine**
- **Cate Senecal**

Awards were donated by:

Jennifer & Stephanie Radi , Diane Gangi George, Devin White, Danielle Desharnais, Kristen Fenton, Kara Nietupski and Brittani Aldrich .

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, Margaret Harding, Erin Haverty, Tina Holmes, Carol Kiley, Barbara Kupras, Kristi Kupras, Lynda Lawrence, Heidi Letendre, Jenn McCormack, Holly Morin, Chris Radi, Kelli Russell, Cate Senecal, Silver Starlites, Colleen Sullivan, & Gangi Strutters Parents.**

Sincerely,
Tracey Gangi and Elaine Kane, Co-Directors

