

The TRYM Holiday Hoot Meet
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For the third time in 2012 the two teams of the Sports Center of Morehead Masters (SCMM) and the Twin Rivers YMCA Masters (TRYM) got together for some friendly competition. This time we swam at the Twin Rivers YMCA in the "bubble pool" - this is the outdoor pool which gets covered by a bubble for the winter months. The YMCA gave us the use of their timing system and our friendly aquatics director and her daughter ran the system for this meet.

We had 26 swimmers across all age groups with some very experienced swimmers and some very new swimmers. This is what makes these informal get-togethers so much fun. In the words of one 56-year young female swimmer: "This was my first swim meet EVER and I had a ball. You guys were all so gracious and fun to be around. I will definitely want to do more!" And that is the goal of these small meets. All of us swimmers get some extra racing experience without traveling far and spending a lot of money.

Afterwards we had a social (lunch) gathering at the Hanna House Bed and Breakfast in downtown New Bern, owned and operated by one of our team mates, Camille Klotz and her husband Joe. Plenty of food and drinks to go around and a nice time to get to know each other a little better.

We hope that more Eastern NC groups will be interested in joining this little series.