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Murray Bridge Rifle Club Reclaims Excell Shield in Enjoyable Shoot Against Kapunda

In a highly anticipated match last Saturday, the Murray Bridge Rifle Club triumphed on home soil over the Kapunda Rifle Club to reclaim the Excell Shield after several years. The shoot was held at a range of 600 metres in challenging wind conditions that tested the mettle of both teams. The wind, initially square from the left, gradually veered to the right as the afternoon progressed, making reading the weather difficult and resulting in generally lower than expected scores.

Despite the tough conditions, both clubs showcased remarkable skill and sportsmanship. Kapunda Rifle Club fielded five shooters, while Murray Bridge Rifle Club had a contingent of eight. The top scorer for Kapunda in Target Rifle (TR) was John Hoerisch, who, given the conditions, managed an impressive 91.05, while Peter Dayman led in F-Standard with a score of 97.01.

Murray Bridge Rifle Club's shooters rose to the occasion, with Andrew Heard leading in TR with a commendable 96.03, narrowly edging out Robert Paech, who scored 95.09. In F-Open, John Cranwell delivered an exceptional performance, scoring 112.06.

Scores were calculated as a percentage of the total possible score, with Murray Bridge achieving an overall score of 90%, compared to Kapunda's 85%. This victory secured the Excell Shield for Murray Bridge, ending Kapunda's recent hold on the trophy.



Looking ahead, the challenge for Murray Bridge will be to retain the Shield in the next encounter.

Regardless of the result, both clubs enjoyed a day of good camaraderie and were pleased with the competitive yet friendly spirit of the afternoon.