

## Official Event Report: The Billo Memorial 2024

### Event Overview

The **Billo Memorial 2024** was held on the 7th and 8th of December at the **Newcastle SSAA Range**, near Seaham, NSW. This annual event honours the legacy of Billo while celebrating the skill and precision of Australia's top benchrest shooters. The two-day event featured centrefire and rimfire heavy score competitions, culminating in the prestigious **Two-Gun Aggregate Title**.

### Event Format

- **Centrefire Heavy Score (Day 1):**
  - Distances: 100 yards and 200 yards.
  - Tested shooters' accuracy and consistency under variable conditions.
- **Rimfire Heavy Score (Day 2):**
  - Distances: 50 yards and 100 yards.
  - Highlighted precision shooting, particularly during the challenging Sunday afternoon session, marked by very windy and difficult conditions.
- **Two-Gun Aggregate:**
  - Combined scores from both disciplines determined the aggregate champion.

### Extreme Conditions

Competitors battled through extremely challenging weather conditions over the weekend. Temperatures soared to a scorching **35 degrees Celsius**, testing their endurance and focus. On Sunday afternoon, strong winds added another layer of difficulty, making this event a true test of skill and perseverance.

### Results

The competition saw remarkable performances across both days, despite the extreme conditions.

- **Centrefire Yardage Winners:**
  - **100 Yards:** Rod Richardson
  - **200 Yards:** Michael Thompson
- **Centrefire Aggregate Winner:**
  - **Michael Thompson:** 499.26

- **Rimfire Yardage Winners:**
  - **50 Yards:** Murray Hicks
  - **100 Yards:** Jan Mitchell
- **Rimfire Aggregate Winner:**
  - **Jan Mitchell:** 495.15
- **Two-Gun Aggregate Winners:**
  1. **Michael Thompson:** 987.41
  2. **Andrew Dunn:** 985.27
  3. **Bill Jupp:** 982.30

### **Event Highlights**

Day one began with the centrefire events, where Rod Richardson claimed victory at 100 yards, and Michael Thompson dominated at 200 yards, securing the centrefire aggregate title. On day two, rimfire shooters faced tough conditions, with Murray Hicks excelling at 50 yards and Jan Mitchell delivering a strong performance at 100 yards to secure the rimfire aggregate title.

The extreme heat and afternoon winds added significant challenges, yet competitors displayed extraordinary skill and determination, producing scores that reflected their dedication to the sport.

### **Acknowledgments**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Newcastle SSAA Club** for providing delicious breakfasts and lunches throughout the weekend, and to the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Their efforts ensured the smooth running of the competition and created a welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.

### **Looking Ahead**

The **Billo Memorial** remains a cornerstone event in Australia's benchrest shooting calendar. We look forward to welcoming competitors back next year for another thrilling weekend of precision shooting, camaraderie, and celebration of excellence.

See full results below:

## 2 Gun Results

MULTI GUN RESULTS (Hunter) - billo 2024

		08/12/24	07/12/24	2 Gun
		RHH	CHH	
1	Michael Thompson	488.15	499.26	987.41
2	Andrew Dunn	494.14	491.13	985.27
3	Bill Jupp	483.12	499.18	982.30
4	Barry Nichols	489.11	493.13	982.24
5	Ean Parsons	484.10	497.20	981.30
6	Damien Fry	482.11	497.22	979.33
7	Mark Tallar	473.9	496.19	969.28
8	Rodney Richardson	474.6	493.25	967.31
9	John Garland	479.10	485.20	964.30
10	Glenn Seaman	477.12	487.13	964.25
11	Bruce Hawkins	476.10	485.15	961.25
12	David Hansell	477.7	484.9	961.16
13	Tim Pavey	475.9	484.9	959.18
14	Sean Little	466.8	486.12	952.20
15	Tom Greatorex	466.10	482.14	948.24
16	Gary Hunt	246.6	496.22	742.28
17	Liam Fry	445.8	0.0	445.8
18	William Grills	0.0	0.0	0.0
19	Michael Cooper	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Two Gun Top 3



Junior shooter Liam Fry receiving his award from Danae and Michael

Date : 08/12/2024  
 Range: Newcastle  
 Title: Bill O'rf hb Score  
 Class: R/F Heavy Hunter

Name	NSW	A	B	C	D	E	Total	GTot	PN
Jan Mitchell	NSW 50 2077 100	50.2 50.1	50.1 49.0	50.3 50.2	50.4 49.0	50.2 47.0	250.12 245.3	2	1
Andrew Dunn	NSW 50 2435 100	50.4 50.2	50.3 49.0	50.1 50.0	50.2 46.0	50.1 49.1	250.11 244.3	4	2
Bill Buchanan	NSW 50 2360 100	50.2 50.1	50.3 47.0	50.1 49.0	49.3 48.0	50.3 49.1	249.12 243.2	6	3
Murray Hicks	HOF 50 31 100	50.4 49.1	50.3 45.0	50.3 48.1	50.3 49.1	50.2 49.1	250.15 240.4	1	4
Brian Mitchell	NSW 50 2056 100	50.2 50.1	50.2 50.1	50.4 48.2	50.1 44.0	50.3 48.1	250.12 240.5	3	5
David Jenkins	NSW 50 2358 100	50.2 48.1	49.2 46.0	49.1 49.2	50.2 49.0	50.3 49.1	248.10 241.4	12	6
Barry Nichols	NSW 50 2213 100	48.1 50.0	50.1 49.0	50.3 46.0	50.1 47.1	50.2 49.2	248.8 241.3	8 5	7
Rob Robertson	NSW 50 2425 100	50.5 49.2	50.3 47.0	49.0 48.2	50.2 46.0	50.3 49.1	249.13 239.5	5	8
Michael Thompson	NSW 50 2199 100	48.1 50.0	50.4 49.1	50.2 46.1	50.4 49.0	50.2 46.0	248.13 240.2	11	9
Kristan Leck	NSW 50 2448 100	50.3 50.0	49.2 47.0	50.1 47.0	49.1 46.1	50.3 49.0	248.10 239.1	13	10
Ean Parsons	NSW 50 2186 100	50.1 49.1	50.2 46.1	48.1 48.0	50.2 45.0	50.2 48.0	248.8 236.2	8 12	11
Bill Jupp	NSW 50 2014 100	50.2 45.0	50.3 49.0	49.0 46.2	49.0 45.0	50.2 49.0	249.10 234.2	7	12
Allan Marsh	NSW 50 2218 100	50.2 49.0	49.1 47.0	49.3 46.0	50.2 48.0	50.1 45.0	248.9 235.0	9 14	13
Damien Fry	NSW 50 2433 100	50.3 49.1	48.1 46.0	49.2 45.1	50.2 46.0	50.1 49.0	247.9 235.2	9 13	14
Kim Cosstick	NSW 50 2150 100	50.1 48.1	50.0 47.0	49.0 48.0	50.0 44.0	50.3 45.0	249.4 232.1	10	15
John Garland	NSW 50 2413 100	50.2 48.0	50.2 42.0	50.2 47.0	49.1 44.0	50.2 49.1	249.9 230.1	8	16
Glenn Seaman	NSW 50 2238 100	50.3 48.0	50.2 49.0	50.3 47.0	50.1 46.0	40.2 47.1	240.11 237.1	28	17
Julie Marsh	NSW 50 2290 100	50.0 49.0	50.2 42.1	48.3 44.0	50.1 45.0	49.1 50.0	247.7 230.1	21	18
David Hansell	NSW 50 2497 100	48.1 47.1	49.2 48.0	50.1 43.0	49.0 46.0	50.2 47.0	246.6 231.1	22	19
Bruce Hawkins	NSW 50 2423 100	50.2 47.0	49.1 48.0	50.4 44.0	48.1 40.0	50.2 50.0	247.16 229.0	19	20
Tim Pavey	NSW 50 2446 100	49.2 45.1	50.2 50.0	50.2 47.0	50.1 36.0	50.1 48.0	249.8 226.1	9	21
Rodney Richardson	NSW 50 2377 100	49.1 45.0	48.1 49.1	48.0 47.0	49.1 42.0	50.1 47.1	244.4 230.2	25	22
Mark Tallar	NSW 50 2182 100	49.2 50.0	50.0 49.0	49.0 46.1	50.3 32.0	50.3 48.0	248.8 225.4	8	23

Tom Greater	NSW 50 2086 100	50.2 47.1	50.2 47.1	48.2 47.0	50.2 32.0	49.0 45.0	248.8 218.2	8 25	15
Sean Little	NSW 50 2359 100	49.2 45.0	48.2 45.0	48.2 41.0	47.0 48.0	48.1 43.0	244.8 222.0	8 24	25
Brett Duguid	NSW 50 2445 100	50.2 44.1	49.2 48.0	48.2 36.0	47.0 43.0	48.1 45.0	242.7 216.1	7 26	26
Liam Fry	NSW 50 2499 100	49.0 44.0	49.4 42.0	47.0 35.0	49.2 34.0	49.2 47.0	243.8 202.0	8 27	27

Best Scores 50		Best Scores 100	
A	R Robertson 50.5	A	A Dunn 50.2
B	M Thompson 50.4	B	B Mitchell 50.1
C	B Mitchell 50.4	C	J Mitchell 50.2
D	J Mitchell 50.4	D	M Hicks 49.1
E	D Jenkins 50.3	E	J Marsh 50.0

Date : 07/12/2024  
 Range: Newcastle

Title: Bill O CF HB Score  
 Class: C/F Heavy Hunter

Name		NSW					Total	GTotal	PN
		A	B	C	D	E			
Michael Thompson	NSW 100 2199 200	50.4 50.3	50.4 50.1	50.4 50.0	50.2 50.4	50.4 49.0	250.18 249.8	5 1	499.26
Bill Jupp	NSW 100 2014 200	50.3 50.3	50.4 49.1	50.1 50.0	50.2 50.1	50.3 50.0	250.13 249.5	9 2	499.18
Damien Fry	NSW 100 2433 200	50.4 50.1	50.2 50.0	50.5 49.0	50.5 49.0	50.4 49.1	250.20 247.2	2 6	497.22
Jeff Eppleston	NSW 100 2075 200	50.2 50.0	50.2 50.2	50.1 48.0	50.5 50.1	50.5 49.2	250.15 247.5	8 3	497.20
Ean Parsons	NSW 100 2186 200	50.4 49.1	50.1 50.1	50.4 50.0	50.4 49.1	50.4 49.0	250.17 247.3	7 5	497.20
Gary Hunt	NSW 100 2009 200	50.3 49.1	50.3 49.1	50.4 49.1	50.3 50.2	50.4 49.0	250.17 246.5	6 7	496.22
Peter Duncan	NSW 100 2041 200	50.3 50.3	50.4 49.0	50.4 49.0	50.3 49.0	50.5 49.0	250.19 246.3	3 8	496.22
Mark Tallar	NSW 100 2182 200	49.3 50.0	50.4 50.0	50.1 50.3	50.4 50.0	50.4 47.0	249.16 247.3	14 4	496.19
Rodney Richardson	NSW 100 2377 200	50.4 50.1	50.4 48.2	50.4 48.0	50.5 49.0	50.5 48.0	250.22 243.3	1 10	493.25
Barry Nichols	NSW 100 2213 200	50.0 49.1	50.3 48.0	50.3 48.0	50.4 49.0	50.1 49.1	250.11 243.2	13 11	493.13
Andrew Dunn	NSW 100 2435 200	48.1 49.1	50.4 48.0	50.2 48.2	49.1 50.0	50.2 49.0	247.10 244.3	19 9	491.13
Ken Eppleston	NSW 100 2074 200	50.2 48.1	50.3 48.1	50.5 48.1	50.2 48.1	50.1 47.0	250.13 239.4	10 13	489.17
Glenn Seaman	NSW 100 2238 200	50.2 48.1	50.4 50.0	49.1 47.1	47.0 47.0	50.2 49.2	246.9 241.4	20 12	487.13
Michael Ling	NSW 100 2493 200	49.1 49.2	50.2 48.1	50.2 44.1	50.5 49.1	50.4 47.0	249.14 237.5	15 16	486.19
Sean Little	NSW 100 2359 200	50.3 44.0	50.1 47.0	50.1 48.0	50.3 49.1	50.3 48.0	250.11 236.1	12 18	486.12
John Garland	NSW 100 2413 200	50.4 47.0	50.5 47.0	50.4 49.1	50.3 43.0	50.2 49.1	250.18 235.2	4 20	485.20
Bruce Hawkins	NSW 100 2423 200	50.3 49.0	50.1 48.1	50.2 47.1	50.3 48.0	50.4 43.0	250.13 235.2	11 19	485.15
David Hansell	NSW 100 2497 200	50.1 47.0	50.1 46.0	49.1 46.0	50.3 47.0	50.3 49.0	249.9 235.0	16 21	484.9
Tim Pavvey	NSW 100 2446 200	50.2 47.0	50.1 46.0	49.3 49.1	48.1 48.0	48.1 49.0	245.8 239.1	21 14	484.9
Georgia Nichols	NSW 100 2454 200	47.3 49.1	50.3 48.0	50.4 44.0	50.2 48.0	50.2 47.0	247.14 236.1	18 17	483.15
Tom Greatorex	NSW 100 2086 200	50.2 46.0	48.1 50.0	50.2 46.0	50.4 48.2	50.3 44.0	248.12 234.2	17 22	482.14
Michael Manuel	NSW 100 2500 200	50.1 50.3	50.3 48.1	50.3 46.0	50.2 45.0	40.2 49.1	240.11 238.5	22 15	478.16
Michael Dennis	NSW 100 2452 200	49.2 44.0	47.0 47.0	49.1 46.0	48.0 45.0	46.0 23.0	239.3 205.0	23 23	444.3

Best Scores 100

A	D Fry	50.4
B	J Garland	50.5
C	D Fry	50.5
D	D Fry	50.5
E	J Eppleston	50.5

Best Scores 200

A	M Thompson	50.3
B	J Eppleston	50.2
C	M Tallar	50.3
D	M Thompson	50.4
E	B Jupp	50.0