Billy Hill: "The Man Who Outshot Annie Oakley"

Billy Hill was born on Chebeague Island on November 30,1881 in the building that is now the Great Chebeague Golf Club. While a teen-aged busboy at the Rangeley Lake House, his fellow workers arranged for a shooting match for him with the storied marksman Annie Oakley. Billly missed one in the first ten glass balls thrown in the air, but then ran the rest, breaking 99 in total. Annie broke 88. Gracious in defeat, Annie arranged for him to begin a long career with the Remington Arms Company. This is his story.

David Hill is Billy Hill's grandson and remembers his grandfather shooting at the Niblic at the Fourth of July picnic. He also remembers his grandfather shooting ping-pong balls from between his fingers with a .22 rifle at fifty feet.

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