

# THE TURD THEORY EXPLAINED

By Peter Champion

You may recall that our Club Shoot on 1st August was very hot and we wilted a little. Whilst in this slightly comatose state, the normally quiet and sometimes down-right subdued end of the field (not the longbow end) engaged in serious contemplation about the field and the excellent job Terry had done with the white lines, marking out distance in 10 yard increments.

Whilst examining these lines, someone who shall be nameless, noticed that rabbits appear to leave their droppings on the lines rather than on the grass.

Discussion ensued relating to this phenomenon, with various hypotheses being proffered by James Taylor, Terry Sandford, Candy Schofield, Andrea Gales, Mark Preston, Bob Stables, Andrew Beech and me - these form the basis of this article which has given no scientific outcome, it is just conjecture.

Rabbits prefer to leave their calling cards on the white lines because they don't like the grass tickling their bums as they squat.

Rabbits prefer to leave their calling card on the white lines because they eat the grass between the white lines.

This is logical, but there also appears to be a further consideration. Why were there more droppings on the 40 yard line than on the 30, 20, 10 yard lines.

Why did the dropping diminish the further up the field you get?

Well, it might be that after we go home, rabbits have their own Olympic competition so see who can go the furthest before they crap (sorry, can I say that?).

Anyway rabbits only have little legs, so perhaps 40 yards is as far as they wish to go. However further droppings were reported at 50 yards, 60 yards and beyond, so the competition obviously has a "marathon" contingent of highly motivated rabbits with the enormous will power and self control required to hold it in (poo, that is) until they have covered vast distances.

One can imagine the "Ken Potts" rabbit, making the final judgment about the distance, size and quantity if the aforementioned dropping - examining it in great detail in order to come up with the best "TURD" of the day.

All this had been talked about whilst going to retrieve our arrows, eating "full Monty" sandwiches and shooting a few more arrows - Oh yes, that's what we went down there to do! Any further theories you might care to put forward should be relayed to Julia, Peter or Brenda for inclusion in the next newsletter so that we may discuss the matter over Christmas dinner.

**Regards**  
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PS. We propose to ask Terry to spend a few nights at the Club with his camera and night sight - infra red and thermal imaging lenses in order to put the matter to rest and then we will submit the report to the Chief GNAS Rabbit at their AGM.