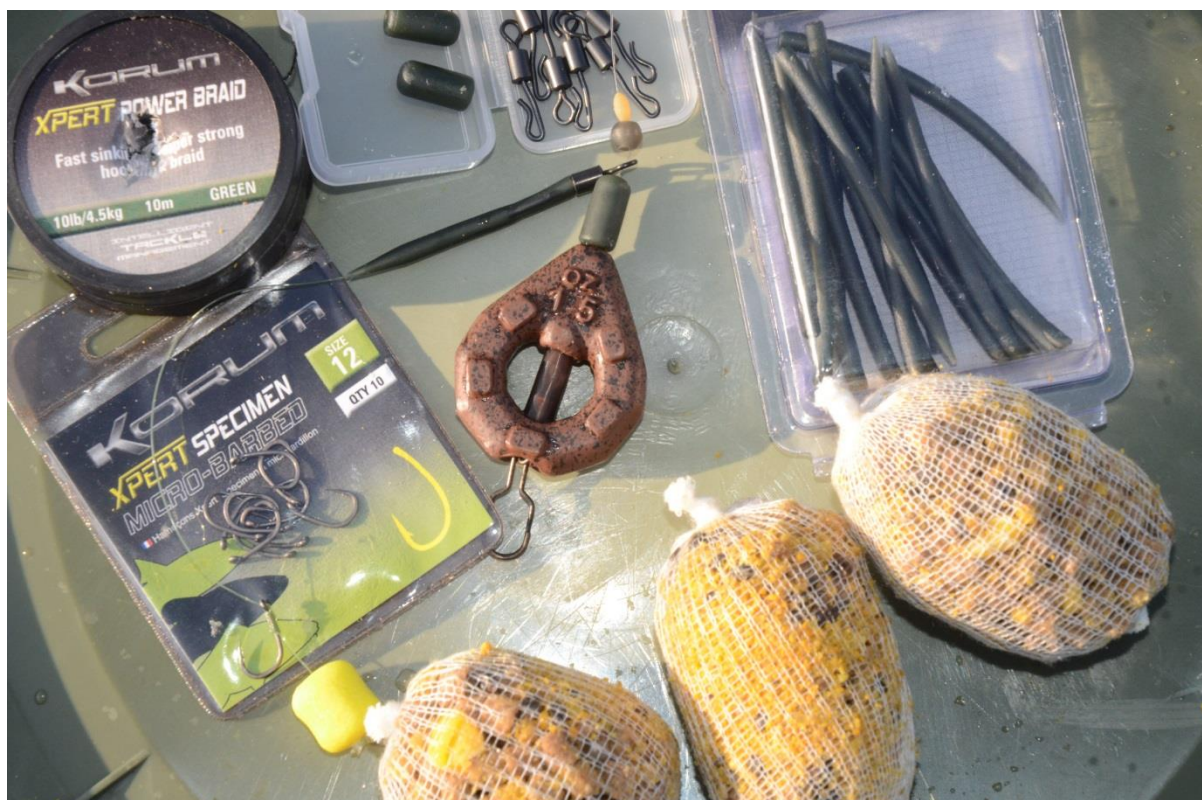


BIG BREAM HAVE A SWEET TOOTH

Traditionally Bream baits have always been on the sweet side, and It's often said that Bream do have a sweet tooth. Last week's Bream session I went with a modern slant on things with the Sonubaits Marine Halibut Supercrush as the base to which I added 4mm F1 pellets. To ring the changes this time round I used the new Sonubaits Bream Feeder, this time adding 2mm F1 pellets and some Bream liquid, giving me a nice sweet mix.

Last time round I balled in with a groundbait catapult creating a feeding area the size of half a tennis court, this time I used a spomb to create an arc of groundbait, pellets, hemp n corn between two far bank marks. With a bait in the middle and at each end of the arc. It's a simple enough approach, I pick a spot out in the lake clear of weed and obstacles with a nice clean silty bottom in the deepest part of the swim. I then wind the marker down to the lead, clip up and bring it in. I then walk the marker out on the bank, and run my spod rod along with all three fishing rods to the same distance. Once you have this distance one tip of note is to add to your fishing rods 1ft extra length for every 2ft of depth, this way once your baited rigs have dropped through the water towards you they should be bang on where your mark and where your spodded bait will land. So in this instance fishing in 10ft of water ive added an extra 5ft, it's not an exact science but it will be near enough.



Last week I fished method feeders but again to try a different approach this week I have fished short helicopter set ups, the way I set this up is illustrated in the photo. A rubber stop followed by a small bead, then a Korum quickchange swivel. Next I thread the mainline through a large korum buffer bead that is plugged on top of a 1.5oz or 2oz Korum inline lead that has had the tail rubber removed, followed by the buffer beads swivel that fits snug in the bottom of the inline. Finally I add an Avid Bag Clip. I have in the past lost fish due to having a heavy feeder banging around and pulling hooks out or worse have had feeders snag, this method allows me to use just about any bait in a pva stocking bag I want and can alternate baits during the session. Hooklink wise this week ive used both 10lb Korum expert sinking braid and 8lb Korum expert mono, you will see I have used a cut down long rig sleeve covering the quickchange swivel to prevent tangles. The braid link can be hooked in to the pva bag to again prevent tangles. Fishing this method I know my rigs will be working effectively.



Oddly enough despite different tactics my results this weekend were almost identical to last week's session with a nice 6lb Tench and my target fish a lovely 11lb 12oz Bream. It's good to know that big bream can be caught on a variety of tactics, pick one that suits you best. One method that I have yet to try is

fishing over just pellet, I am most confident fishing over groundbait so this will certainly be a test, but I will be trying it.