

Super Carp Method Mix

Whilst it is true that I go fishing twice a week, its not actually that often that I get to do any social fishing. More often than not im off in pursuit of my own targets and specimen fish.

This bank holiday weekend though two of my good friends Rob and Tim joined me for a night on one of the small carp waters that we are all members of. The lake in question does have fish in it to 30lb, but they are mostly around 8lb to 15lb and lots of them too. With this in mind I decided to fish stepped up match style with 10lb line and light 2lb test curve specimen rods that I normally use for my Tench and Bream fishing combined with method feeders. I don't fish the method for carp as much as I should but when I do I like to use the XL Preston method mould and flat method feeders. A 10lb braid hooklink and size 10 hook with a 10mm boilie hookbait completed the set up.



The match boys tend to shy away from the sticky heavy method mixes much preferring the lighter less food content of the Sonubaits Match Method Mix, but for what im doing with longer casts and bigger fish the Sonubaits Carp Method mix is my first choice. With this coarse mix being sticky it does take to adding extra bits n bobs and I like to add 2mm pellets. For this trip I added Tigerfish pellets that I had pre soaked. As a general rule when soaking you want to cover the pellets with water for 1 minute for every 1mm of pellet then drain the water off, so in this case soak for 2 minutes then drain. After 10 minutes they will have softened up nicely, at this stage add them to your mixed groundbait. If you add them dry they will absorb the moisture from the groundbait and dry it out too quick making it active

and not as sticky meaning it will fly off the feeder on the cast, you want the groundbait inactive and stuck to the bottom for it to be effective.

The depth of water in front of me was around 12ft with a plateau of 8ft at around 50 yards. I figured that the Carp would be up on this 8ft area so I turned it into a nice dinner table for them with spodded 2, 4 and 6mm Tigerfish pellets. With the two methods feeders fishing over the top it wasn't long before the Delkims were singing, in fact the area proved to be prolific and I struggled to keep two baits in the water as the three of us took turns on the rods. Rob and Tim were fishing standard big carp tactics and struggling for bites, neither had seen the Preston method feeders and mould before and both were impressed at how effective they can be in the right situation.



That evening we had a curry delivered to the fishery gate and washed that down with a few beers. We continued to catch on the methods through to 10pm before I reeled in for the night. The following morning the fishing continued to be good with several more singles and low doubles caught before we packed away not long after breakfast. A great end to a bank holiday weekend.