

In search of Bream

My pike fishing ended at the beginning of March, a final trip resulting in a cracking fish of 20lb 11oz. I had been thinking all winter about an early spring campaign for some bream before the tench fishing kicked off.

The water I was targeting proved difficult with nothing to show for three weekends fishing. Hardly surprising considering there are around 20 bream in the 30 acre pit. But with fish to 18lb I wanted to at least give it a go.

A new season meant a new water and a move to a pit that I knew to hold sizable bream, and a few more of them. With three nights and favourable windy overcast weather I fancied my chances. The spot I decided to fish was of deeper water, I find bream like these deep silty areas. I initial fed half a bag each of 4mm and 6mm Sonubaits Krill Pellets and a tin of F1 Corn over a fairly tight area of perhaps the size of two snooker tables. Three rods were fished over the bait, one on a Korum Dura method feeder of Sonubaits Krill groundbait with a double Tutti method boilie as bait. The other two were Korum adjustable heli rigs with 8 inch hooklinks of 8lb xpert mono to a size 10 specimen hook, hookbaits on these were 12mm Code Red topped with either an oozing boilie or single piece of Korum imitation corn. A personal thing, but I only ever use plastic baits on safe heli type rigs, this way should I ever have a break I'll only leave a short length of line with permanent bait attached.

At 130 the first night during a torrential downpour the inevitable happened with a big drop back and my first bream, a quick weigh before a quick return in the rain gave me an 8lb 14oz. This fish came to the heli rig set up. The next morning the method feeder was away with a tench of around 4lb, this proved to be the first of 13 tench over the next 2 days, all of similar size and all on the method feeder. Each evening I topped the baited area up with more 4 and 6mm krill pellets and F1 corn.

As I was packing away on the final morning of my session I had another take, the tell tale slow plod and head shake told me it was a bream, without much drama she slipped over the net cord, all 11lb 2oz. Not an absolute monster but I was certainly pleased to catch it.

