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### <u>Fisherman turns pro</u>

# Area angler hooked on sport

For just one day of fishing, a BASS



Dennis Sikowski feels at home with his assorted fishing tackle and

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G's, it is necessary to join a BASS local club and compete successfully in various locally sponsored events.

One of the area's avid anglers is, Dennis Sikowksi of Troy who belongs to the Sterling Heights BASS club. Sikowski joined about six years ago "to be sterling ling about bass fishing."

There is much more to competitoring a line into the water. For example, it involves learning the habits of fish, how they travel and how light affects them. "Bass do not have eyelds so they are very sensitive to light," said Sikowski. "On bright days they will be deeper. I found out that I didn't know much about their habits, and I needed to learn all about them."

The BASS clobs sponsor local tournaments which give members a chance to prove their fishing skills. Although the prize money is hardly enough to retire on (400 is typical), the wimers can progress to more lucrative staic-sponsor (400 is typical), the wimers can progress to more lucrative staic-sponsor (400 is the control of the con

more substantial.

"Winners are determined by a rating system," said Sikowski. "A fish must be at least 12 inches long. Points are given for each ounce of weight, with a bonus of five points for each inve fish."

Sikowski says only artifical lures are allowed, and that all live fish are released.

SIKOWSKI has done well in six years of professional fishing, finishing as high as third in state tournaments. He declines to name an exact figure, but says he has won "enough money to buy a new boat."

This brings up the question of equipment. Most serious bass competitors invest in quality rods and reels. Si-

Nowski possesses five different graphite rods worth \$50 dollars apiece.
Not every angler, however, needs his own boat. The members share boats own boat The members share boats with other members white competing. As for location of events, Skowski notes that most national competition in the past has been in the South, where prize money has been greater. Next the past has been in the South, where prize money has been greater. Next regional combite post six interest from regional combined post in travel to Canada for the BASS (sib-diff. In the local area, the 36 members of BASS fish in Lake St. Clair, Saginaw Bay, Orchard Lake, plus other water boles.

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A competitive nature heips when fishing for money. This is what helps Sikowski, who during the week is vice-president of marketing in an engineering consulting firm, to do well.

He often studies the lakes in advance to help determine the best sites for fishing.

"Competition, money and enjoyment are the basic reasons for belonging to BASS," he said. "Anyone interested in joining can become a member for about \$20."

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Although Bass fishing takes up most of his spare time, Sikowski is also chairman of the Troy Optimist's Club annual Ice Fishing Derby. Every winter, youngsters get a chance to try their skills at Sylvan Glen Lake with trophies awarded to the winners.

As for BASS, what lies ahead?

It appears that bass fishing for fun and profit is growing in popularity. Sikowski says that many Detroit-race celebrities, including morning disc jockey J.P. McCarthy and television weatherman flugh Copeland, are among anglers involved in a celebrity ournament.

tournament.
"Maybe a spot on ABC's Wide World
of Sports," said Sikowski. "We've
talked to them about it, and are doing a
study on the feasibility of including the
national BASS tournament. We're hoping to have something on ABC in a couple of years."

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## Performances for McPartland

Jazz pianist Marian McPartland will make two appearances on the Detroit Institute of Arts' "Jazz at the Institute"

series. On Tuesday, May 15, and on Thursday, May 17, Ms. McPartland will perform two concerts, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the museum's Kresge Court. Tickets are available in advance through the museum ticket office (832-2730). Advance reservations are suggested.

sted. British-born McPartland has been

jazz scene.
Informal in concept, Jazz at the Institute will continue its Thursday evening concerts through Sept. 27, offering such jazz artists as savophonist George Benson, pianist Sir Roland Hannat, the Barris Harris Trio, guitarist Kenny Burrell, Archie Shepp, Jack Brokensha and Beas Bonnier.

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