

# Fishing, especially bass, still hot topic



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I know summer's over and it's hunting season, but the fishing has been pretty good lately, too. And while there should be plenty of hunting success stories phoned in to me over the upcoming weeks — which I will undoubtedly relate to you — there are still some fish tales to pass along as well. Plus, I'm not in the office this week to answer the phone and take those calls, and I refuse to bring a portable with me on the hunt.

Before we hook into the fishing stories, just a reminder to call me with your success reports. Whether it's an 8-pound salmon or a 12-pound walleye, a limit of ringnecks, a couple of ducks, a beaver, a doe, a bear or a hare give me a call and report your success. (Wives often call for their husbands and kids.)

Now on with the anglers.

Bass fishing has been a hot topic among O&E readers this summer and the success hasn't tapered off yet.

There was a changing of the guard this year in the Michigan Bass'n Gals circuit as Westland's Patty Thompson won the 1994 Angler of the Year honors. Thompson earned the title by having the highest weight total (19.74 pounds) through five club tournaments.

Diane Wayne of Dearborn Heights placed second, Canton's Linda Bennett was third, Mary McTaggart of Lincoln Park was fourth and Mary Ashteneau, also of Canton, placed fifth.

Ashteneau was the defending Michigan Bass'n Gals Angler of the Year and won the title in 1991 and 1992 as well.

Michigan Bass'n Gals meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Ponderosa Steak House in Taylor (Southfield and Van Born).

Michigan Bass'n Gals will hold an open tournament on Oct. 23 on Cass Lake. Registration is \$50 per boat. There is a \$5 late fee after Oct. 9. Registration will be ac-

cepted up to 7 a.m. on the morning of the tournament. Call (313) 981-3367 for more information on the club or the upcoming tournament.

**Red Man results**

Livonia's David Reault took first place and big bass honors in the sixth and final Red Man Michigan Division qualifier held recently on the Grand River.

Fishing woodlines using grubs and spoons, Reault caught a limit of five fish that tipped the scale at 12 pounds, 9 ounces. His biggest bass was 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Reault earned \$1,693 for first place, plus an additional \$1,000, a fishing rod, cap and trophy from Abu Garcia for catching the biggest bass of the tournament.

The top 30 anglers in the Michigan Division, determined on a basis of pounds and points over the six qualifying tournaments, advance to the Red Man Regional where they will compete against the top 30 anglers from four other regions for a spot in the Red Man All-American.

Four area anglers qualified for

the regional event from the Michigan Division.

Rochester native and Livonia resident Art Ferguson won the Michigan Division with 195.50 points (47 pounds, 6 ounces). Kyle Greene of Bloomfield Hills placed fourth with 185 points (38-10). Neil Coomes of Troy was 14th with 146 points (24-01) and Reault placed 16th with 122 points (25-13).

Livonia's Jerry Dietrich just missed qualifying placing 31st with 81.50 points (17-04).

**The winning edge**

Southfield's Terry Sanders knows there are big bass in Shorehill Lake. He's caught them many times in the past.

So when Sanders took his friend's son, Jayson Symons, on a bass fishing trip on the Bloomfield Hills lake he wasn't surprised when the 16-year-old landed a largemouth that weighed close to six pounds.

What was a surprise was the fact that the 5.82-pound bass was big enough to earn Symons the state title in the 1994 Plano Big Bass Junior Championship. Symons won a check for \$250 for the state-winning catch and now is eli-

gible to win a \$10,000 scholarship.

The state winner in the Big Bass World Championship (a similar program for adults) will represent the junior champions from their respective states in the BBWC Finals, Nov. 4-6 in Florida. The BBWC World Champion wins \$100,000 for himself and a \$10,000 college scholarship for the junior champion from his state.

Andrew Tajblik, of Toledo, Ohio, won the Michigan BBWC state championship in July when he caught a (believe it or not) 10.76-pound largemouth in the Randall Lake Chain (near Coldwater) in July. If Tajblik wins the BBWC World Championship, Symons wins the scholarship.

Highlights from the BBWC finals will air as a 30-minute broadcast on The Nashville Network, at noon EST on Nov. 20 and 27 and Dec. 4 and 11.

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker at 901-2573.

## Hoops

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them out there," Farmington coach John Verdura said.

The Falcons fell behind 5-0 before ever getting the ball past half court and trailed 30-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Kim Washock led Farmington with 11 points and Maurice Carmon added seven. The Falcons fell to 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the WIAA.

"Once we settled down, we played better in the second half," Verdura said. "I thought Kim played a fine game; she played hard and rebounded hard. Maurice also had a nice game."

The Warriors (7-4 and 4-2) were led by Stacey Nalrynek, who had 14 points and eight rebounds. Jodi Miller and Gina Brooks added 10 points apiece.

**IN LUTHERAN NORTH 83, SPYGLASS 81**

Macomb Lutheran North took a 17-0 lead after one quarter Tuesday and cruised past host Livonia Clarenceville in a Metro Conference game. The win improves North to 8-2 overall, 4-0 in the Metro. Clarenceville fell to 1-9 overall, 0-4 in the Metro.

Wendy Roy had 12 points for Clarenceville, and Tonya Walsh led North with 11.

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