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by Mark Rumreich

Jack's Pizza was started by Jack Hoyt back in 1966. In the early days, friends and family ran a handful of Jack's Pizza restaurants. Today, there are about fifteen stores serving the greater Indianapolis area, mostly on the south side. The focus nowadays is on delivery and carryout, although a few locations have inside dining. In 2001, there was a company split, resulting in the creation of Circle City Pizza and the loss of some Jack's Pizza locations.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am in fifth grade, I go to Park Tudor and my name is Brooke Hasler. I am doing a project in science where you have to pick an environmental problem and try to help solve the problem. I picked graffiti in Broad Ripple. I picked this topic because when I go to Broad Ripple I see so much graffiti. It makes me mad that people do that for no reason. It makes buildings look ugly and that makes sub-standard business for that store and that is not fair. They didn't do the graffiti, someone else did. For example you are biking through Broad Ripple on a beautiful sunny day. You stop at Ben and Jerry's to get some ice cream, then quickly start biking again because you don't want to miss anything. Enjoying your ride home and then you see it everywhere, graffiti. Then just looking at it totally ruins your daily ride through Broad Ripple. All you can think about is why anyone would do that. Please help stop graffiti. Help me, Help you, Help Broad Ripple Too.

By: Brooke Hasler

The Broad Ripple Gazette does not normally publish letters to the editor. Occasionally, a letter comes across the desk that seems appropriate to share with our readers. -Alan

Jack's claim to fame is pizzas loaded with toppings. They offer pies in 10, 12, 14 and 18-inch sizes with all the popular toppings as well as anchovies, green olives, salami and jalapenos - and you can choose from sausage and Italian sausage. Their specialty pizzas emphasize "piling it on." The *Big Jack* is a deluxe pie with nine of the most popular toppings - what my dad would lovingly call a "garbage pizza." The *Meat-eor aka Meat-zilla*, and the *Jack Rabbit* all-veggie pizza are other incarnations of the piling it high principle. Jack's has salads, wings, garlic bread and sandwiches too.

We ordered an 18-inch pepperoni and Italian sausage pizza and a 14-inch *Jack Pot*. The *Jack Pot* is Jack's "around the world" pizza with everything on it but the kitchen sink (no anchovies either).

About 30 minutes after ordering, our pizzas arrived. True to our expectations, the *Jack Pot* was loaded with toppings; it was close to an inch tall. It was a welcome change of pace from the usual two or three topping pizza and was a balanced mix of ingredients, not overwhelmed with onions or peppers. The pepperoni and Italian sausage wasn't as tall as the *Jack Pot*, but still had plenty of pepperoni and hunks of sausage. Both pizzas had a thick blanket of mozzarella and spicy sauce. The weakest link was the crusts - they were on the tough side, almost leathery.

Jacks' yellow pages ad says: "Order a pizza that weighs as much as this phone book." We decided to put their pizza to the test. They don't get too specific about what size pizza or how many toppings

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are required to qualify, so we just weighed the pizzas we ordered, comparing them to the phone book. Our 18-inch, two-topping pizza weighed-in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces. The 14-inch *Jack Pot* weighed 4 pounds, 2 ounces. How much does a phone book weigh? Ours was 3 pounds, 9 ounces, substantiating Jacks' claim

with pizza to spare. Using pizza math (the formula involves pie), I figured that a two-topping 14-inch would just about make it, and any 16-inch would easily qualify.

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Mark Rumreich has been vigilantly surveying the pizza scene in the Indianapolis area for over two decades. He is an avid home brewer, has written for several magazines, and is the author of the just-released second edition of the Car Stereo Cookbook.



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