

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BALL (NEXT YEAR)

Jo Ellen Travis is a 1st grade teacher and girl's softball coach for Treynor Schools. She recently talked to Club members about the past softball season and expectations for the next season. Jo Ellen noted that the 2004 team was comprised of several younger members and a great deal of teaching and coaching was necessary to find the best players at different positions. After a slow start the team ended up with a winning season and tied for third in the conference. Some notable hitters developed during the 34 game season, Jo Ellen explained. Fan support and field improvements helped contribute to a successful girl's softball program, Jo Ellen stated, and this led to team pride through the season. A change for next year, Jo Ellen noted, is that yellow softballs have been approved for use. This will make the ball easier to see by players, umpires and fans and will be safer for players.