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Despite Lou Gehrig's disease, Julian's dream lives

By Harry Blauvelt, USA TODAY

BRANSON, Mo. — Golfer Jeff Julian sits at the kitchen table in his red brick house, watching a clear liquid drip into his arm from an IV bag hanging on an overhead light. It's treatment for the deadly disease attacking his body.

Julian's yellow Labrador retrievers, Max and Peyton, race through the house vying for attention while the journeyman pro discusses his battle for survival.

He finds refuge on the course. He feels normal there.

"I want to play golf as well as I can for as long as I can," says Julian, who will tee it up in the PGA Tour's BellSouth Classic starting April 4. "I can still play good for stretches."

Julian, 40, is stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, named for the Yankees Hall of Fame first baseman who died from ALS in 1941. Julian was diagnosed with the fatal neurodegenerative disease Oct. 8 at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. There is no cure.

"I feel lucky," says Julian, whose speech is slurred by the disease affecting muscles in his tongue, jaw and neck. "I envision good things from this. I enjoy every day more. We have bad days, sure, but you see the good in people."

Julian has to pace himself. If he overexerts, his muscles can fatigue, and sometimes they'll twitch.

On the golf course, he tires more easily at the end of rounds and the conclusion of tournaments. He's not as strong coming

out of the rough. He has an endorsement deal with Callaway, which made him clubs with lighter shafts.

"I can hit a ball as far as ever," he says. "But I can't pound balls and hit and hit. I get arm weary. I'm just trying to stay within myself."

Julian attracted national attention when he played the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February on a sponsor's exemption.

Pard Erdman, a cattle rancher and oilman who lives on Maui, was Julian's amateur playing partner at Pebble Beach. Erdman asked to play with Julian. "He wanted to be treated just as a golfer," Erdman recalls. "He knew I knew, but we talked about golf, not ALS. You take away a real appreciation for how lucky you are getting to know someone like Jeff."

When they didn't make the cut, Erdman invited Julian to play storied Cypress Point. Says Erdman: "You realize how important it is to play it as a game and play the shots as they come and take what life gives you."

Julian's caddie that week was longtime pal Scott Peters of Hanover, N.H. "You can't help but be moved," Peters says. "Jeff has been courageous in coping with the hand dealt."

Julian has three exemptions in April, BellSouth, WorldCom Classic and Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic, and one in June, the Canon Greater Hartford Open.

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May is ALS Awareness Month

WICHITA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

There were 14 in attendance at the April 4th support group meeting. Susan Glecier presented ALS memories on film. A presentation will be given to the community of Eureka who have rallied behind Karen Basham (our honorary chairperson for 2002) and her family with literally hundreds of volunteers taking part in her caregiving and the support for her family. This will take place the first part of May when the time and place is finalized. They will be notified through their local churches and newspaper.

HUTCHINSON SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

We had a great Hutchinson Support Group on Wednesday, April 3rd with 9 in attendance. It was a productive interactive session with the discussion centering around the latest in research articles. The discussion moved to care giving issues and we all enjoyed the ALSA film by Barbara Dickenson on "Tips For Caregivers". It opened up many issues faced by the caregiver and patient and was both helpful and inspirational to all in attendance. She presents a very candid picture of the changes experienced by her family during the 9 ½ years that her spouse has had ALS and continued to work writing his column.

The entire group of Caregivers from both the **Wichita** and **Hutchinson** support groups have been invited to attend the 1st Caregivers Support Group, to be held in Wichita on Saturday, April 20th from noon until 3 p.m. It is open to all caregivers in the surrounding areas that can make the trip. Lunch will be served. It will be in the upper level conference room of the ALS Office building at 5920 East Central, Wichita, Kansas 66206. It will be facilitated by Jean Haley RN, BSN and Nancy Persinger, a former caregiver of an ALS spouse. We are asking for RSVP to be phoned to 1-800-553-9056 for an accurate food count.

The ALS Association
Keith Worthington Chapter
would like to thank



for sponsoring the May issue of
Dialog in honor of
ALS Awareness month.

Continued from page 1 "You don't know how many more chances Jeff is going to have," Greater Greensboro director Mark Brazil says.

We can all learn something from the way he's conducting his life."

Julian can accept up to two more Tour exemptions in 2002. It's not difficult to tell when he gets one: It's like a shot of adrenaline. "Jeffrey can't speak when he gets emotional," says his wife, Kimberly, 31. "When I see him coming with the phone, I know it's something good."

Playing for the card

Julian has two full PGA Tour seasons to his credit. He didn't earn enough money either year to keep his playing card. In 2001, he earned \$55,132 to rank 211th on the money list. In 1996, he earned \$55,602 (193rd).

He talks about going back to Qualifying School to try and earn his PGA Tour playing card for 2003, "Unless we win a few. I need to get my butt in gear and avoid Q School with these chances I have. My game feels good."

His résumé includes the Nike Tour, where he won the 1997 Dominion Open. He's played the Buy.com Tour. He's been an assistant pro, anything to stay in golf. He helped support himself as a bartender in the '80s.

"I was great," he says. Quips Kimberly, "Like Tom Cruise in *Cocktail*, right?"

The two hold hands, touch and kiss constantly, underscoring this isn't only a battle for survival, it's an uplifting love story.

They met Aug. 12, 2000, at a party in Springfield, Mo., the Saturday of the Ozarks Open, a Buy.com Tour event. Julian learned that day his mother had died of a heart attack. He couldn't get a flight to the family home in Norwich, Vt., until the next day. So he went to the party.

"It was instant attraction," she says. "I had my guard up, but it was hard to resist him."

They got engaged Oct. 27, 2000, in Norwich. Jeff proposed in the hayloft of the barn at the family farm. They

had wine, cheese and a spectacular sunset as backdrop. "It was a proposal every girl dreams of," Kimberly says.

That November, as they stood beside a waterfall near her hometown of Branson, Mo., Kimberly gave Jeff a ring engraved in Hebrew: "I am to my beloved as my beloved is to me."

They were married Feb. 15, 2001, by a justice of the peace beside his mother's grave.

Getting on with life

Each has a young son from a previous marriage. Kim's is Tyler, 9, who lives with the couple in Branson. Jeff's son, Keegan, 11, lives with his mother in Vermont.

"We're so in love," Kimberly says.

Despite their misfortune with ALS, Kimberly won't ask "why us?"

"There are so many horrible people in the world," she says. "But if I say 'why us?' then I'm wishing this on someone else. And I wouldn't wish this on anyone." Well-wishers the world over have responded to Julian's plight.

Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Curt Schilling, a national spokesman for ALS, sent Julian two e-mails. He told Julian he was in his thoughts and prayers. "I'm beside myself at the thought of some day meeting Jeff and playing a round of golf with him," Schilling says.

Schilling and his wife, Shonda, raise money for The ALS Association and donate money, too. They named their first child Gehrig. "That Jeff is playing on the Tour is nothing short of mind-boggling," Schilling says. "Fine motor skills are as important in golf as any sport."

The first symptoms Julian had last June were difficulty swallowing and a hacking cough. He noticed a lot of saliva settling in his mouth. He thought he might have a sinus condition. As symptoms progressed, he worried his problem might be a brain tumor.

"The disease slowly progresses to cause loss of strength, impairing the ability to locomote, swallow and breathe," Jeffrey Rothstein of Johns Hopkins says. "Eventually, respiratory

failure and death."

To keep himself as healthy as possible, Julian pursues chelation therapy, an alternative treatment to mainstream medicine. That's when he sits at the kitchen table and watches as either vitamin C or glutathione flows into his arm.

Kimberly administers the therapy designed to eliminate toxic metals, especially mercury, from his tissues. The idea is the intravenous fluids will bind with the toxic metals, which are eliminated through the kidneys. Kimberly says mercury toxicity can mimic ALS symptoms.

Julian also takes 42 pills a day, vitamins and minerals, that Kimberly has arranged in small, labeled compartments in what looks like a fisherman's tackle box — but the size of a briefcase. The anti-inflammatory Celebrex is the only prescription drug Julian takes. He doesn't use Rilutek, the one FDA-approved medication for ALS.

"Rilutek is not natural, and there are side effects," says Kimberly, adding "you don't want to fix one problem and create another."

Julian works diligently with chiropractor Joe Lennon once a week when he's at home in Branson. "I try to make sure his muscles are as balanced as possible," Lennon says.

The sessions temporarily can help Julian's speech improve, sometimes for two or three days. Julian will hum, sing and make chewing motions to work specific muscles.

If he reaches the point he can't play golf, Julian says his next endeavor might be to open a restaurant in Branson, a tourist town near the Arkansas border. "We'll call it 'Julian's,'" he says, grinning. "How's that for originality?"

For now, golf is his elixir.

"I'm playing PGA Tour events," he says. "I can't wait to get my game ready and go play again. I feel good. I'm still living my dream."

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MISSOURI SENIORx PROGRAM

Missouri has passed new state legislation implementing a pharmaceutical assistance program for low-income seniors. Enrollment for the Missouri SenioRx Program began April 1, 2002 and continues through May 30, 2002. Those interested can obtain applications from pharmacies, offices of the Area Agency on Aging and senior advocacy groups. Information and enrollment for the program is also available at (866) 566-9316 and www.missouriseniorx.com. Benefits for those eligible will begin on July 1, 2002.

MAY IS ALS AWARENESS MONTH



- ◆ Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS
- ◆ 5,000 new cases of ALS are diagnosed each year
- ◆ 300,000 people alive today in the United States will develop ALS
- ◆ There are more than 30,000 ALS sufferers in the United States at any given time
- ◆ ALS affects males and females in equal numbers
- ◆ One in every 50 families is affected by ALS
- ◆ Sporadic ALS (strikes randomly) affects the majority of ALS patients
- ◆ Familial ALS (inherited) affects about 5-10% of all ALS patients
- ◆ Half of all offspring of familial ALS patients inherit the gene and develop ALS

The ALS Association (ALSA) is the only not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS and the support of ALS patients and their families. ALSA's key responsibilities are research support/funding, patient/family support, information, and education. The national headquarters are in Calabasas Hills, California.

The ALS Association, Keith Worthington Chapter provides information, referral, counseling, support groups, and special equipment to individuals with ALS and their families in Kansas, Nebraska, and Central/Western Missouri. There are no charges for these services. The chapter also raises money for research into the cause and cure of ALS.

The ALS Association (ALSA) announced today that Dr. Eric Sorenson of the Mayo Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota and the Great Lakes ALS Consortium will be leading a clinical trial of Insulin-like Growth Factor-1 (IGF-1) in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. This study will be co-funded by The ALS Association.

The objective of this trial is to determine whether IGF-1 (Myotrophin™) slows progression of weakness in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Three hundred patients with ALS from 16 medical centers will participate in a double blind, placebo-controlled two-year study. Half the patients will receive IGF-1 and the other half will receive placebo. The drug will be administered twice a day subcutaneously. The primary endpoint will be rate of change in manual muscle testing score (MMT). Secondary endpoints will include tracheostomy free survival and change in ALS Functional Rating Score (ALSFRS). The study is

designed to detect a 30 percent difference in MMT over the two-year treatment period.

Enrollment will likely open in late winter 2002. Patients are required to go to one of the participating centers every six months for testing. Patients can be on other medications as long as they are not part of another study. Cephalon, Inc. will provide the study medication and placebo.

Previous clinical trials of IGF-1 in ALS patients in the U.S. and in Europe have led to conflicting conclusions (with positive results in U.S. and negative results in Europe) most likely due to differences in study design. In these clinical trials there were no significant drug-related adverse events, other than mild injection site irritation.

ALS is a neurodegenerative disorder that causes progressive muscle weakness and loss of motor neurons. IGF-1 is a neurotrophic factor essential for normal development of the nervous system. *continued on page 4*

SPRINGFIELD SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Springfield Support Group meeting was held on March 19th at the Springfield ALS office on South Enterprise. There were 8 in attendance. Our speaker was Susan Hart from Community Hospice. Susan discussed Hospice criteria and services. Kim Goble gave an update on Survivor Challenge.

OMAHA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Omaha Support Group met on Thursday, March 14 with approximately 17 in attendance. Ric Miller, new Awareness and Development Coordinator in the Omaha office, was introduced. He announced the opening of the office at 10370 Pacific at Shaker Place, Suite 228 in Omaha. Mary Younglove was presented a Maurice LaCroix watch for raising more than \$4000 for the 2001 Walk to D'Feet ALS. Mary announced that she will be the Family Team Chair for the 2002 Walk and is expecting high participation this year. The meeting concluded with members of the group sharing their various experiences and concerns.

KANSAS CITY SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Kansas City Night Support Group met Tuesday, April 2, at the Second Presbyterian Church. Patients, family members and friends were on hand to hear speaker, Jenny Malewski discuss end of life issues. Jenny is a Chaplin at KU Medical Center and serves as a volunteer for Midwest Bioethics Center. She offered suggestions to help patients, as well as family members and friends, for coping with the emotional and spiritual concerns we will all face as we approach the end of life.

The next Kansas City Night Support Group, Tuesday, May 7th, will be Fun Night!

LINCOLN SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Lincoln support group met on March 27 with 8 people attending. There was not a formal speaker scheduled for the meeting but the group still enjoyed getting together and sharing new information. The next meeting is scheduled for May 29th.

TOPEKA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The group resumed at a new location on March 25th after a 2 month break. The group is now facilitated by Kathy Currier and everyone is glad to have her on board. There were 8 people at the meeting and the group did some planning and brainstorming for upcoming speakers. The April meeting will have Russ Hedge, a speech pathologist come to talk about communication devices and swallowing issues.

continued from page 3 system and shows protection of motor neurons in animal models and cell culture systems. It is thought to block cell death pathways and promote muscle reinnervation and axonal growth and regeneration.

The ALS Association previously awarded Dr. Sorenson a research grant to determine the reliability and validity of various testing scores, measuring muscle strength in assessing progression of ALS, between different medical institutions. The study established that the manual muscle testing score was the more reliable measure and, as a result, manual muscle testing will be used as an outcome measure in this IGF-1 trial.

If conclusive, the results of this study will be an important factor in a decision to approve this medication for general use in ALS.

For further information about the IGF-1 trial please contact Mary Lyon, Vice President, Patient Services mary@alsa-national.org or contact one of the individual [study sites](#). For more information about IGF-1, contact Dr. Lucie Bruijn, Science Director and Vice President, lucie@alsa-national.org.

Enrollment Will Begin Late Winter 2002

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On Monday, the day kicks off with 32 five-person teams playing in a shotgun start, scramble format. Players will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Play 18 holes with a local or national celebrity
- ◆ Watch as Sean "The Beast" Fister, World Long Distance Drive Champion amaze the crowd with his long drives
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WALK TO D'FEET ALS

Kansas City	Run/Walk to D'feet ALS	September 15
Wichita	Walk to D'feet ALS	October 19
Hays	Walk to D'feet ALS	September 28
Springfield	Walk to D'feet ALS	October 19
Omaha	Walk to D'feet ALS	September 21
Salina	Walk to D'feet ALS	October 5

Clinical Update

Creatine

The Avicena Group, Inc. announced that it has received Orphan-Drug Designation from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat ALS patients with creatine. The company plans to submit an application for an Investigational New Drug (IND) later this year.

In addition to Avicena's support of the current creatine studies coordinated by the North East ALS Consortium (NEALS) and the Carolinas Neuromuscular ALS/MDA Center, (refer to ALSA's Drug Development Update <http://www.alsa.org/research/drugdev.cfm>), the company has built a pre-clinical program of basic science using creatine in transgenic mice.

In both laboratory animal studies and in the early human trials of ALS, Avicena reports that "creatine is safe in ALS and appears to slow the disease progression." Creatine is involved in cellular energy production and modulation. It is part of a mechanism that helps prolong cellular life and protects against cell injury and death.

Creatine is being further evaluated in clinical drug trials (Phase II/III studies) at multiple sites across the country <http://www.alsa.org/research/drugdev.cfm>

Although creatine is currently available at most health food stores, ALSA cautions patients and families that the purity and dosage of such products are not controlled by the FDA. In addition, creatine can cause kidney damage. Correct dosage and adequate daily fluid intake are important. Consult your physician before taking creatine.

Stem Cell Therapy

Research into the potential that stem cells may hold for ALS is exploding. As constant press stories report, new biotechnology companies focusing on stem cells are forming on a seemingly monthly basis. At biotechnology companies and academic

medical centers, research abounds directed toward several neurologic conditions and using a number of different cell lines and stem cells from different sources. Most researchers and clinicians agree that, while promising, it is still too early to conduct human stem cell trials in ALS. Research into use of stem cells for ALS is among some 80 grants being funded by the ALS Association. ALSA's National Office will continue to provide updates on stem cells to its affiliates on an ongoing basis, as new information becomes available.

For more information about stem cells and ALS, refer to the following resources:

ALSA Talking Points *Stem Cell Research* by Lucie Bruijn, PhD, March 2001
ALSA Talking Points *Stem Cells and Stem Cell Therapy for ALS* by Mary Lyon, RN, MN, January 2001
NIH web site www.ninds.nih.gov/stemcells

Several patients and family members have inquired about the Cell Therapy Clinic "EmCell" in the Ukraine. A newspaper story in December describes an ALS patient who received stem cell treatment at this clinic. The story credits this treatment with allowing the patient to "walk again," and quotes him as saying he could walk one day after receiving the first of two treatments. More recently there have been notices about this Center on the ALS Digest.

Researchers around the world investigating the use of stem cells for ALS and other diseases agree that, while extremely promising, there are still enormous challenges to overcome before stem cell therapy will be ready to go into human clinical trials in ALS. Lucie Bruijn, PhD, ALSA's Science Director and Vice President, Research attends scientific sessions concerning stem cells and gene therapy on an ongoing basis and is on the front line of the research progress and authoritative information.

We have no information regarding the scientific benefit of the treatment provided

by the Cell Therapy Clinic to people with ALS. There are no peer-reviewed publications that we can find and their experiences have not been presented at the major stem cell international meetings. ALSA asked ALS researchers familiar with stem cell research to review the EmCell web site. The researchers raised questions about absence of data supporting that the model they are using has been proven successful with any ALS model. The web site seems to say that EmCell requires that patients will pay all expenses and will agree to not hold the doctors liable for any consequences of the study. We are not able to learn what basic science underlies this treatment nor data results from any clinical research. We have reviewed the web site and written to the directors with a number of questions. In response, the Cell Therapy Clinic directors referred us back to their web site.

As with other costly treatments where scientific evidence is lacking, it is appropriate for ALS staff and volunteers to discuss the multiple considerations that should be involved in making a decision to undergo this or any other unproven treatment option. Considerations of time, travel, cost, family implications, possible harmful side effects and whether or not there is credible scientific evidence supporting the therapy are some of the reasonable issues patients should be encouraged to evaluate. Prior self-reports from ALS patients receiving stem cells therapy from other non-U.S. sites have included fleeting functional improvements, but no long lasting changes in the course of the disease.

For a copy of ALSA's comments regarding unorthodox or non-evidence base therapy to alter the disease or impact symptoms, contact Mary Lyon at mary@alsa-national.org

[From ALSA, March 29, 2002]

JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

Horizon National Bank has graciously adopted the ALS Association for the United Way's Annual Day of Caring

Saturday, June 22

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Shawnee Mission Park

7900 Renner Rd.

Shawnee, KS - Shelter #8

Please join us for a day of fun in the sun complete with food and games. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and desserts will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Enjoy activities and games. This new location has access to a children's playground for the smaller children.

Please call (913) 648-2062 to R.S.V.P. no later than Wednesday, June 19th.

We look forward to seeing you there!



HELP STRIKE OUT LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE



Help those living with ALS and those searching for a cure by participating in Covering All the Bases with The ALS Association May 18-19, 2002

ALSA covers all the bases - research, patient and community services, education, and advocacy - in providing help and hope to those facing the disease that struck baseball Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig in 1939. With 34 Chapters nationwide, ALSA is the only national organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS.

This spring, The ALS Association (ALSA) is teaming with World Series co-MVP Curt Schilling and his wife, Shonda, to raise awareness and funds to help in the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Fans can make a financial pledge for every home run hit during games played on May 18-19.

On average, 64 home runs are hit in the major leagues each weekend.

Funds raised will be used to support ALS research and the activities of local ALSA Chapters nationwide.

Pledges can be made by visiting www.alsa.org or by calling the Covering All the Bases hotline, 866.257.3838.

In Memorium

We send our sympathy and continued support to the families and friends of those who have recently died after battling ALS.

- Duane Compton
- Rick Cooper
- Greg McCloud
- Warren Pace
- Edward Reed
- John Sport

Memorials

Thanks to the following families for designating our Chapter for donations

- Harry Barth
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- Irene "Mickey" Hoefner
- John Sport

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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Announcing

The Keith Worthington Chapter is pleased to announce the opening of an office in Omaha, NE. The office opened in late March and is up and running. Ric Miller joined the ALS/Keith Worthington team as the Development & Awareness Coordinator for Nebraska.

Miller's experience in corporate communications and marketing, along with directing community development for a non-profit human services leader, will assist him in opening the Omaha office and introducing The ALS Association to people throughout Nebraska.

The new office is located at 10730 Pacific at Shaker Place, Suite 228, Omaha and the telephone number is (402) 991-8788.

A native of Sidney, Nebraska, Miller and his family make their home in Omaha where his wife, Pam, is the head of the Clinic Pharmacy at Nebraska Health Systems. They have two children, Shelby Ann is 11 and Ryan is 6. The Miller family declare themselves to be loyal Cornhusker fans.

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| 1 | Wed | Hutchinson Support Group 2 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 20th & Main
Juli Beard from Alterna Care will discuss respiratory issues & oxygen dependency | 15 | Wed | KC Day Support Group 2 - 3:30 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
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| 2 | Thu | Wichita Support Group 7 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church
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Springfield ALS Office
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A representative from the Soma Wellness Center will speak on types of massage therapy. |
| 7 | Tues | Kansas City Support Group 7 - 8:30 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, 55th & Oak
Fun Day! | 27 | Mon | Topeka Support Group 7pm
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6905 Blondo Street, Omaha, Nebraska | 22 | Wed | Lincoln Support Group
Madonna Rehab. Hosp.
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