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I would like to share with you what we have done in ISRAEL since April 11, 2022. As stated in the meeting minutes of the General Assembly of PingPongParkinson I was the only member in my country in PPP:

- Ronnie Gilboa (Israel): Ronnie was born in Jerusalem. He has a wife, four kids, and five grandchildren. Ronnie is an electronics engineer. He was diagnosed in 2007. He is presently the only member in Israel. Today was the Conference Day where 300 individuals with Parkinson's participated, many of whom expressed interest in our group.

During the conference I found out that if we match the 20 support groups of Parkinson Society in Israel, with their corresponding Table Tennis active clubs we can create PPP clubs in no time. The PPP will use the same halls and TT tables in the morning while TT players will play in the evenings.

We formed a steering committee led by the GM of the Parkinson Society and a well-respected PP coach backed up by the Israeli Table Tennis Association.

Within 2 months we formed 10 clubs with 70 PwP players. On August 8, 2022, we conducted the first Israeli Championship of Table Tennis players diagnosed with Parkinson. 25 players registered, competed, and enjoyed Ping Pong fun.

I am happy to tell you that for the Pula championship, 12 players will participate in the games accompanied by 18 proud family members and trainers.

I believe that the same approach can be adopted by other countries.

