



## Happy New Year!

Hello Azorcan Past Tour Participants & Priority List Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to all the new Priority List members who registered during the World Juniors and during our Azorcan World Juniors Contest. I hope that you had a good holiday season despite the current state of the world due to the pandemic and that you and your family are safe and in good health.

### World Juniors Contest

I would like to congratulate Matthew Hamstra who won the Pierre-Luc Dubois autographed Canada jersey and Gordon Wiggins who won the autographed Grant Fuhr framed photo. Thank you to Warren Sutor of [www.fandemonium.ca](http://www.fandemonium.ca) for sponsoring the contest. Check out their website for great memorabilia and stay tuned for another Azorcan contest very soon.

### WJ2021 – Congratulations to the U.S.

I hope that you enjoyed the 2021 World Juniors even though Canada lost in the final to a very deserving team from the USA. I thought that the tournament was very entertaining, especially during the playoff rounds and there were some great stories like the Germany team qualifying for the playoffs for the first time in their history. I thought Edmonton did a great job of hosting the event and I'm sure that their experience in hosting the NHL bubble in the fall helped tremendously. I'm glad that they were able to give us a distraction and a bit of excitement over the holiday season.

**Bryn Griffiths** and I enjoyed bringing you our analysis of the tournament on our Canada Fans World Junior Podcast. Our podcasts are available at [www.azorcan.net/media](http://www.azorcan.net/media) if you would like to listen to them and you can subscribe to future podcasts as well.

We will have podcasts leading up to the World Juniors 2022 in Edmonton/Red Deer in the fall. On those podcasts we will be discussing more information on **World Juniors 2023 in Novosibirsk, Russia** with an eye on having tour packages and our registration process available in late November of this year. We received quite a bit of interest on Russia during this last World Juniors.

### World Juniors Host Schedule

As many of you already know the World Juniors schedule was altered to accommodate fans that bought tickets for this year's tournament. Gothenburg, Sweden which was scheduled to host the 2022 tournament have been moved back to 2024. We already have webpages with early information on **Russia 2023** and **Sweden 2024** to give you an idea of what we have planned.

### Facebook Page

Our **Azorcan WJ Facebook page** was lively during the tournament as we posted where we were one year ago during the 2020 tournament in the Czech Republic. Thank you to everyone that interacted with us.

### Azorcan Global Explorer Newsletter

This is our 5th issue of our new AGE Newsletter. If you missed any of our previous issues, they can now be found at [www.azorcan.net/media](http://www.azorcan.net/media) along with the podcasts. We will be starting to record our GROUP TRAVEL EUROPE podcast later this year with destination and tour information.

## Best wishes for 2021

Thank you to many of you that reached out to our family with greetings and well wishes during the holidays. Our son Matteo, who is 11, started school this Monday and it is nice to get him back into a routine. Unfortunately, his hockey is still on hold due to the health restrictions and I fear that the season may soon be lost. We are keeping the kids on his team engaged with a weekly online strength training session and they have been taking turns sending out weekly challenges to their teammates. This week it's shooting one hundred pucks every day.

On the bright side, the NHL starts their season this week with a division of all Canadian teams. I'm sure that there will be some very spirited games that will get our blood pumping.

I have heard from many that they are just itching to go somewhere for a holiday. I hope that we turn a corner in the next few months and that we can travel again for pleasure. I'm a big believer that travel is the best education. When we experience how other parts of the world live and we learn about different cultures while enjoying great gastronomy, architecture, history, natural wonders and sport we become better global citizens. We will get through this very trying time and I hope that you and your family stay well and that we can create more great memories together on a European sightseeing or a fan tour very soon. Happy New Year

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## World Juniors Tours - Russia 2023 & Sweden 2024

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