Ryan Walter, Professional speaker & Author

Ryan Walter played more than 1000 games over 15 seasons in the National Hockey League. Drafted second overall by the Washington Capitals in 1978, Ryan was named the youngest NHL captain in his second of 4 seasons, played 9 seasons and won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens, and returned to his home town to play his last 2 seasons for the Vancouver Canucks. He was named Team Canada Captain in the World Junior Tournament, was selected to play in the NHL All-Star game and for Team Canada in 3 World Championships, became a Vice-President of the National Hockey League Players Association, and was honoured as NHL Man of the Year. Ryan has been inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame, the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame, named to the 30 all-time Washington Capitals’ Dream team, the top 50 all-time BCHL players, the top 125 WHL of all time, and the top 100 Montreal Canadiens in 100 years.

Ryan has a Master of Arts Degree in Leadership/Business. He is the author of 5 books and an expert contributor to both online and print magazines, newspapers, radio, and television. Ryan serves as a Director of the Hockey Canada Foundation and Partners International, and is a member of the Seton Hall Stillman School of Business Leadership Advisory Council.

Ryan won a Gold Medal as Head Coach of Canada’s National Women’s Hockey Team, was Assistant Coach of the Vancouver Canucks, co-founder and president of two start-up companies, a TV and radio hockey analyst, a hockey adviser and actor for both television and movies, the creator of the board and electronic game Trade Deadline Hockey, and the President of a professional hockey team. Ryan continues to inspire teams, businesses, and organizations across North America and beyond, to become their very best.

AGENDA

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Tradeshow, Break: Moderator Paula Pedersen

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Shawn Paget – Potatoes N.B. Chairman

9:15 - 9:35 Potato Productivity: A New National Project – Bernie Zebarth, Research scientist; AAFCAAC

9:35 - 9:55 Soil Remediation Projects: Reviewing Two Years of Results – Gilles Moreau, P.Ag. Agronomy Technical Solutions, Potato Industry Transformation Initiative; McCain Foods (Canada), Grand-Sault/Falls, N.B.

9:55 - 10:30 Break: Dow AgroSciences

10:30 - 11:00 What we’ve learned about variable rate application – Brennan Gaudet - A & L Labs, Marcel Ouellette - County Lime Ltd. & Nick Tisdale - Hartland Agromart.

11:00 - 11:30 Seed Handling and Crop Performance – Dr. Loretta Mikitze, Potato Physiologist; Potato Development Centre, NBDAAF

11:30 - 11:45 Dickeya – Dr. Khalil I. Al-Mughrabi, Ph.D., P.Ag., Pathologist; Potato Development Centre, NBDAAF

11:45 - 12:00 Sponsors and Product updates

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch: Scotiabank Break: Dow AgroSciences

Moderator Michelle Boulanger

1:00 - 1:30 Yield formation in potatoes and its management through recording of the growth of the crop – Dr. Eric Allen; Retired Director from the University of Cambridge, McCain Foods (Canada)

1:30 - 2:00 Soil Health, Disease Management, and Potato Cropping Systems – Bob Larkins, Research Plant Pathologist; New England Plant, Soil and water Research Laboratory, Maine USA

2:00 - 3:15 Ryan Walter – Professional speaker & Author

3:15 Closing Remarks and Grower Door Prizes – Matt Hemphill

Note: Water, pop and juice will be available upstairs all afternoon.