



Chris Barron, CCM

Vice President, Private Club Partnerships

With more than 25 years of experience in the private club industry, Chris has served as a Club Benchmarking Executive Director for the Northeast United States and Eastern Canada since January of 2020. He has delivered more than 200 presentations to private club boards across North America and has been a featured speaker at CMAA and CMAC National Conferences, HFTP Annual Convention and several CMAA chapters and CMAC branches.



Bryan LaBlue

Senior Director of Research & Innovation

Before joining the Club Benchmarking team in 2023, Bryan LaBlue applied his critical thinking skills and passion for data as General Manager and Director of Operations for several New England restaurant groups and private country clubs. As Senior Director of Research and Innovation, his focus is on research, organizing data, finding insights and developing forward-looking ideas that improve our insight, data accuracy and speed of response.



Ryan Bender, CCM

Executive Director

Originally from Alaska, Ryan studied Hospitality Management at the Culinary Institute of America, NY before serving as Director of Food & Beverage at Woodfield Country Club and The Country Club of Virginia. He has led education for the CMAA BMI F&B program at the University of Houston and Certified Club Manager review at the University of Georgia, as well as at the Club Management Association of Europe Management Development Programme in Montreux, Switzerland. In 2025, Ryan authored an update on Food & Beverage in the Contemporary Club Management Textbook.