



# The Hospitality HOTSPOT

WEEKLY MEMBER NEWSLETTER



## SENATE BILL 9 UPDATE

As many of you already know, after more than ten years of tireless hours, great debates, dozens of legislative hearings, and significant compromise between hundreds of stakeholders, we are excited and proud to announce that Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) has finally passed the Alaska legislature and heads to Governor Dunleavy for a signature!

This comprehensive alcohol reform bill will modernize outdated alcohol laws, allow for significant evolution and innovation of businesses around the state, and create clarity and certainty for an industry that experienced inconsistency and confusion in the interpretation and applicability of laws and regulations.

While these developments are exciting and much needed, please keep in mind that there will be a long regulation process, and **there are no immediate changes to business operations.**

Alaska CHARR President & CEO Sarah Oates and Lee Ellis, President of the Brewers Guild of Alaska, will be going on a year-long roadshow around the state, providing information and answering questions.

Stay tuned for updates from Alaska CHARR.

## ALASKA CHARR UPDATES

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP CALL

Join us on **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 a. m.** for our monthly membership call! As always, we will touch on industry important information and go over the many benefits available to you for being a part of Alaska CHARR!

Click [here](#) for the zoom link!

### ALASKA CHARR ED FUND RAFFLE

Don't miss out on your chance to win the **\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!** Tickets are now available for purchase for the June raffle! Contact the CHARR office at 907.274.8133 or [info@alaskacharr.com](mailto:info@alaskacharr.com) for more information!

### SELMAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Availability is filling up quickly, so make sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible! We are looking to see high-level sponsored teams compete against one another and support our students! Register [here](#).

## NATIONAL UPDATES

### **URGENT: SENATE FAILS TO REPLENISH RRF**

Yesterday, the Senate failed to help struggling hospitality businesses by replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), leaving 177,000 establishments that were promised but never received aid last year with nothing. While the House of Representatives has already passed legislation to replenish RRF, several bills in the Senate have not garnered enough support.

Yesterday, Sarah Oates, President & CEO of Alaska CHARR expressed her thoughts. "While today's overall vote is a huge disappointment for many hospitality businesses around the state that continue to struggle through significant hardships caused by the pandemic, Alaska CHARR extends our sincere appreciation to Senator Lisa Murkowski for her 'yes' vote today and for her ongoing support of Alaska's hospitality businesses."

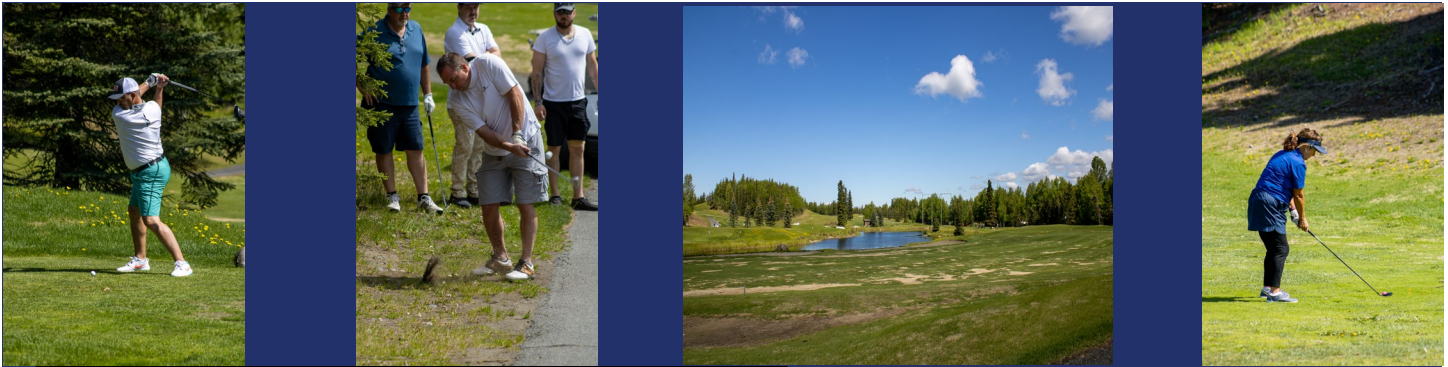
For two years, Alaska CHARR, our partners at the National Restaurant Association, and industry supporters have fought for hospitality relief, relentlessly working with Congress to establish the RRF and replenish the funds to complete our mission. While discouraged and disappointed by this development, we remain committed to finding ways to support hospitality recovery and help eating and drinking establishments obtain tax relief, grow their workforce, and serve our communities.

### **HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO FILL JOBS**

The most severe labor shortage on record hampered efforts to rebuild the hospitality workforce. Although the hospitality industry continued to expand payrolls in April, it was at a much slower pace compared with the healthy gains registered in 2021. Find the analysis [here](#).

### **FIRST PANDEMIC.....NOW INFLATION?**

Read [here](#), how many hospitality businesses are coping with the increased cost of goods.



## 2022 Selman Memorial Golf Tournament

### Silent Auction Items

We are looking for donations for this year's silent auction. If your organization would like to donate and be a part of something special, please contact Corrine Law at [claw@alaskacharr.com](mailto:claw@alaskacharr.com), Bree Erickson at [berickson@alaskacharr.com](mailto:berickson@alaskacharr.com), or call the Alaska CHARR office at 907.274.8133.

**Remember, all proceeds go towards supporting the future leaders of the hospitality industry!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

- May 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - [National Restaurant Association Show](#) Chicago, IL
- May 26<sup>th</sup> - Alaska CHARR Monthly Membership Call
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Selman Memorial Golf Tournament
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Alaska CHARR Educational Fund June Raffle. The Blue Fox, 3461 Tudor Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507

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## Selman Memorial Golf Tournament

**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

