# Sustaining a Problem Solving Culture at TaylorMade Golf

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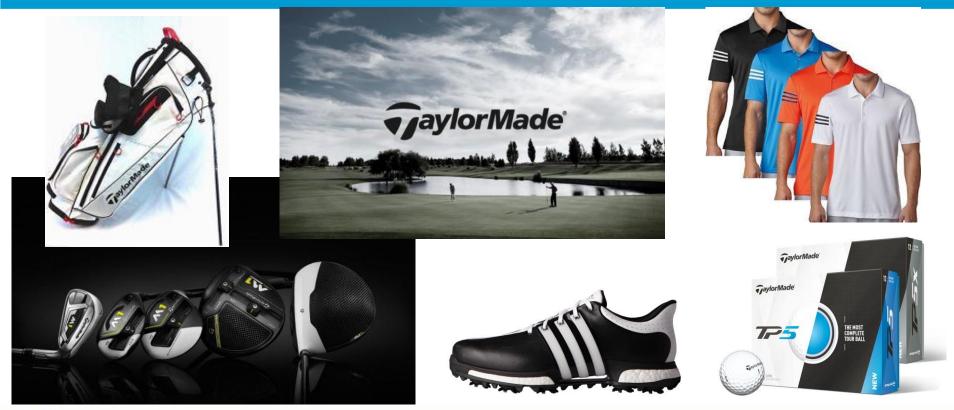


## Managing To Create Problem-Solvers



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#### **TaylorMade adidas Golf Products**







#### Agenda

TaylorMade's Lean Journey

Problem Solving at TaylorMade

Examples

Key Learnings

Q&A

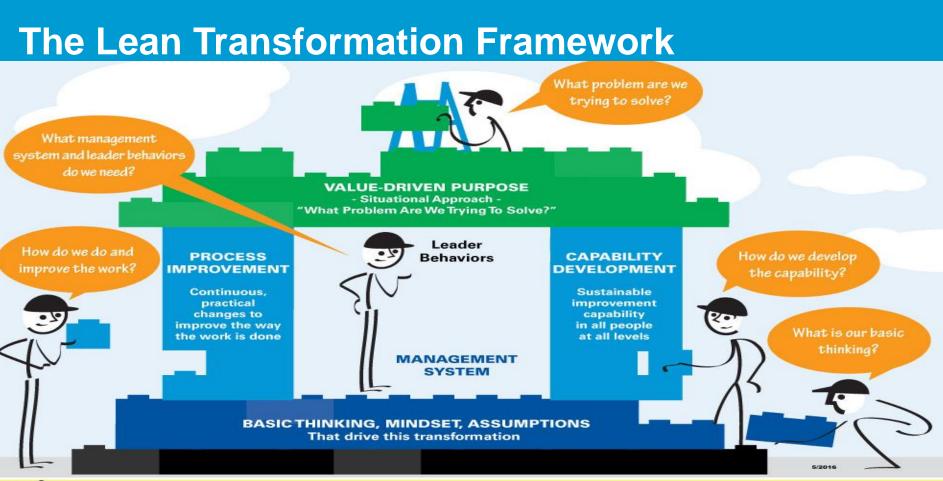


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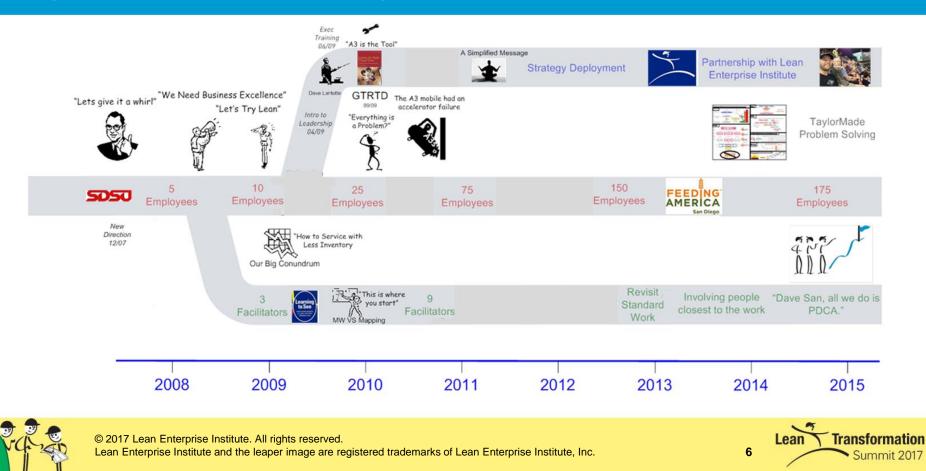


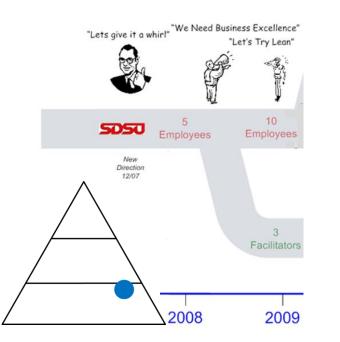
### Key Points to Sustainability





### TaylorMade's Journey: 2007-2017





#### Light lean only in manufacturing

Employee engagement focus

#### Tried Kaizen

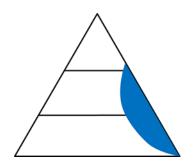
- Adding some value
- Including people closest to the work
- Having a little fun

#### Started with Lean Fundamentals

#### **Dedicated resources**

Employee Engagement	
Business Impact	
Sustainability	

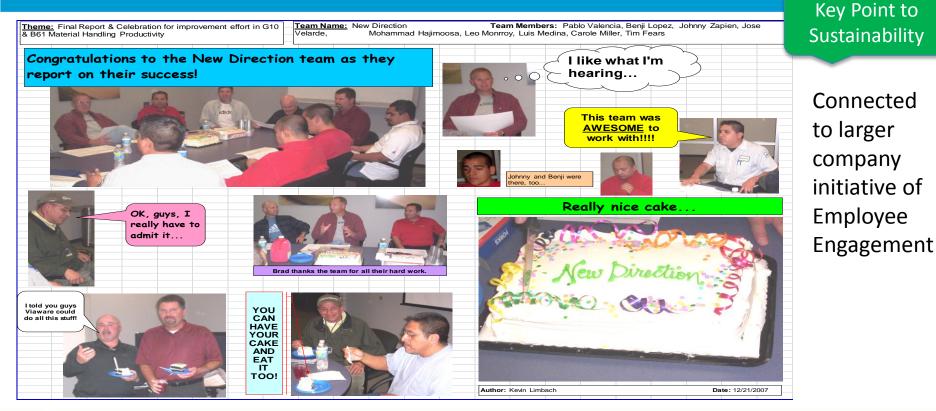
#### **Lean Journey**





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### How we got here: 2009-2011



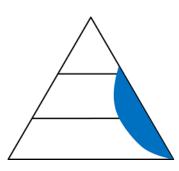


#### **CEO** attention

- Growing but not in line with profitability
- Results from lean effort
- Go big and wide



#### **Lean Journey**



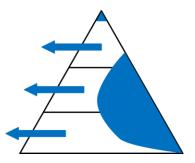


#### Strategy Deployment

#### **Lean Journey**

#### Grass roots

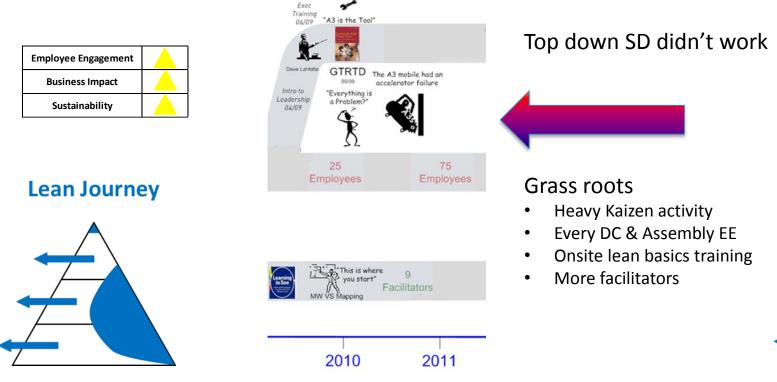
- Heavy Kaizen activity
- Mass lean basics training
- More facilitators





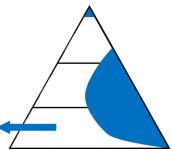
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### How we got here: 2009-2011





#### **Lean Journey**







### How we got here: 2012-2015



Keep going in Ops and be ready when the business comes back around



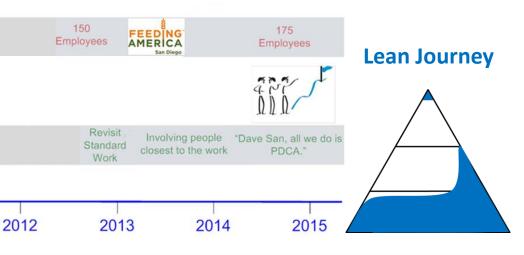
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#### Lean Journey

Departmental Strategy **Deployment with CEO** catchball

Continued grass roots with lean basics training

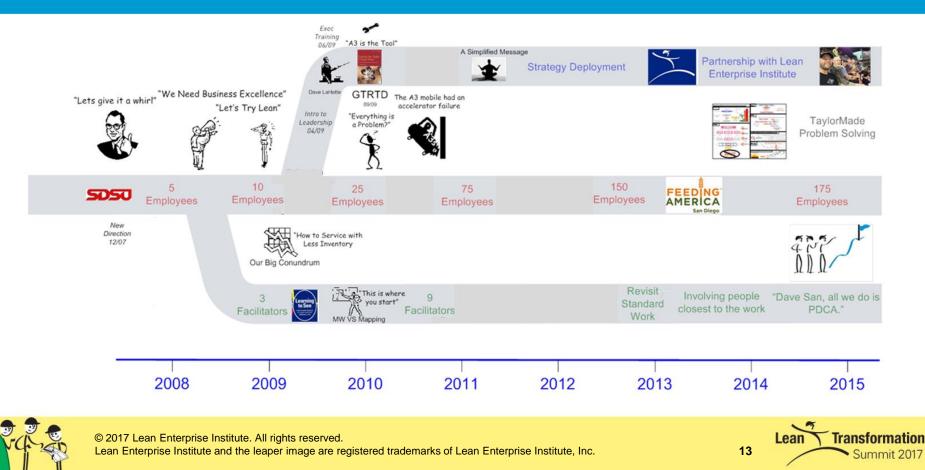




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### How we got here: 2007-2017



### **TMPS Training Overview**

#### LTF – How do we develop the capability?

Day 1 – Theory & made up examples

Day 2 – Guidance through real TaylorMade problems with data set

Next 2 months – Trainee 1-on-1 coaching. Result is completed A3 on local business problem







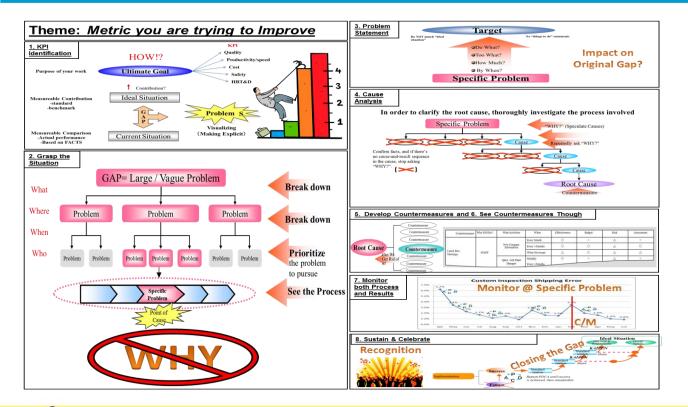
### 8 step problem solving A3 template

Theme:   1. KPI   Identification	3. Problem   Statement   Image: Statement   4. Cause   Analysis	LTF – What is our basic thinking?
2. Grasp the Situation	5. Develop Countermeasures and 6. See Countermeasures Though	
	Z. Monitor   both Process   and Results   8. Sustain & Celebrate	





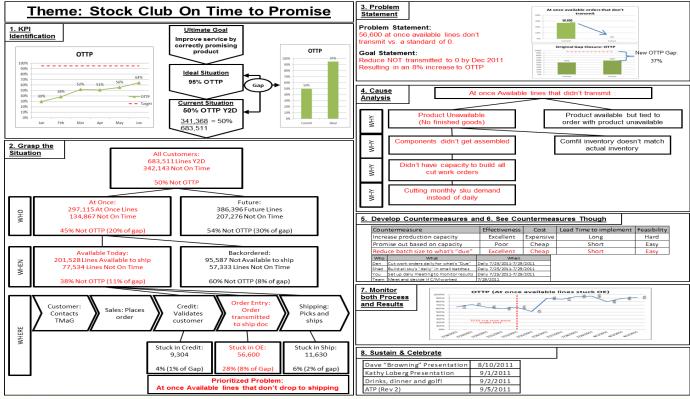
### Day 1 – Theory & example



LTF – What problem are we trying to solve?



### Day 2 – Real TaylorMade problem



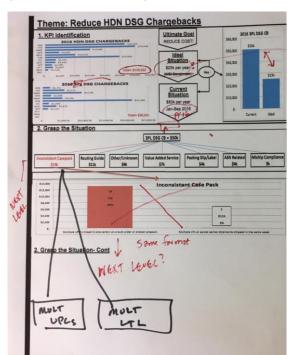


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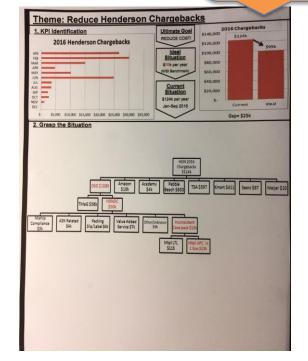
### Follow up coaching

#### 1<sup>st</sup> pass @ step 1



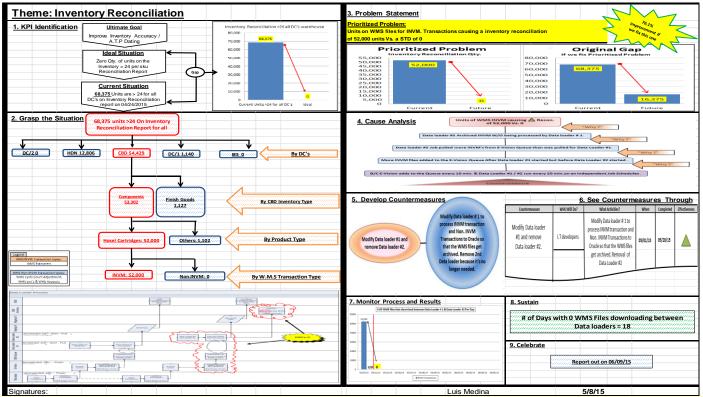


#### LTF – What management system & leader behaviors do we need?







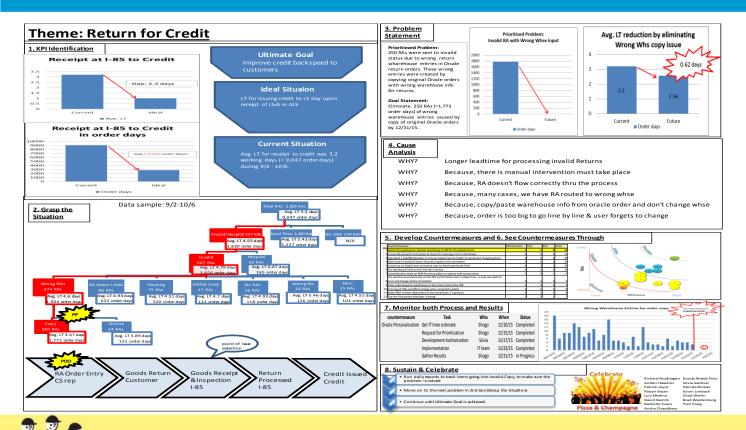


#### LTF – How do we do & improve the work?



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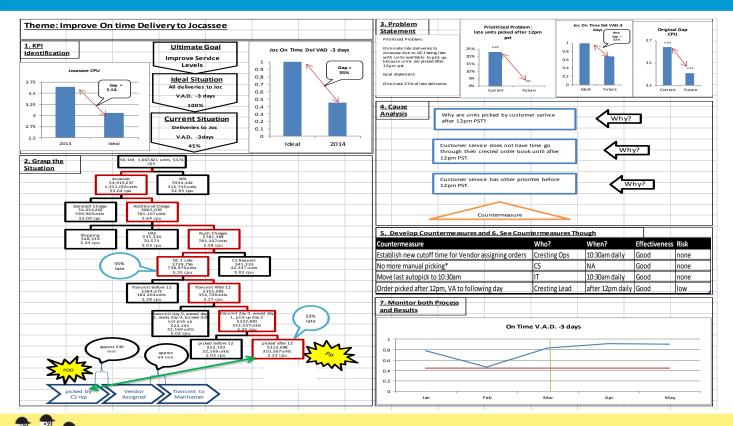


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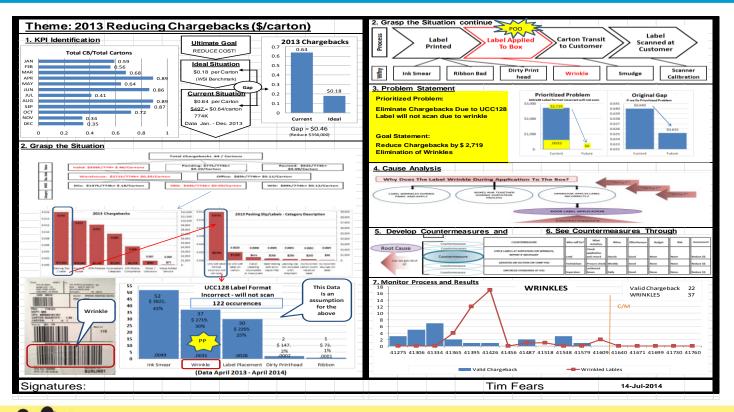
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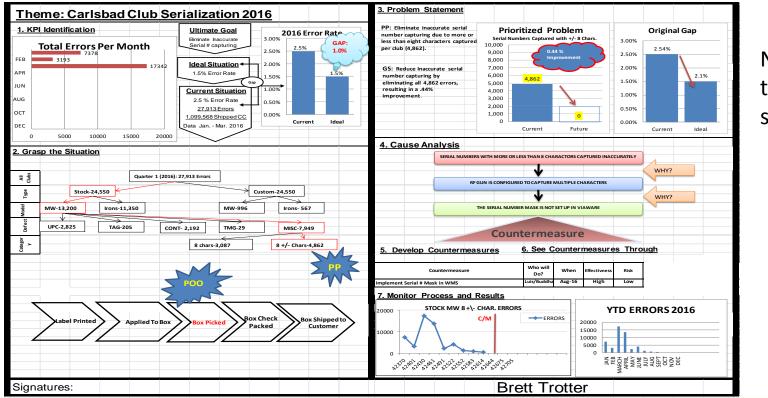
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### Cascading A3 – Summary

Key Point to Sustainability

Connecting Problem Solving A3s to Broader Company Goals

Content will be displayed during the presentation

Summary A3 is connected to high level Strategy Deployment goals





### Learning applied



Connecting Problem Solving A3s to Broader Company Goals

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Connected to a larger company initiative





### **Trainee's perspective**



#### Key Point to Sustainability

#### Coaching benefits:

- Daily progress
- Make the story flow better
- Keeps you from skipping steps and staying focused on one issue at a time
- Prioritized Problem at Point Of Occurrence (PP @ POO) needs to make sense
- Common language



### **Key Learnings for Sustainability**

- Problem solving is hard to teach and learn
  - Difficult to accept that we won't close the whole gap in one pass
  - Very hard to focus on ONLY one root cause at a time
  - Getting to a Prioritized Problem at the Point Of Occurrence (PP @ POO)
  - Small improvement can be a show stopper for some people
  - Trainees will understand the thinking and use common language but most will not progress without coaching
  - 1-on-1 coaching proves essential to becoming independent problem solver





### **Key Learnings for Sustainability**

- Every A3 tells a story and it has to flow
- Connect your problem solving efforts to a company wide initiative, for example Employee engagement or Operational excellence
- We discovered our efforts had to be consistent with company culture competitive, fun, & irreverent
- Don't try to spread lean simply by reading a book
- Insist on using standard A3 formatting and language that works for your company
- We've created people who focus on solving one problem at a time who are still working with people who want to use a shotgun approach





### What you should do when you return to work...

- Identify someone in your organization who will gain a deep understanding of A3 problem solving <u>AND</u> be disciplined enough to stick to the process - because it <u>will</u> be hard!
- 2. Find at least one company-wide initiative you can connect to your problem solving efforts.
- 3. Start an A3 and learn as you go.

"It's easier to act your way into a new way of thinking, than think your way into a new way of acting."





#### **Q & A**



