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Climb the highest mountain

THERE is one thing this aged scribe can't get too excited about these days, and that's exercise. Apart from the weekend jaunt around the golfing green or the odd tennis 'doubles' at the local club, these days Outsider prefers to do his exercise with remote control in hand from the comfort of his leather chesterfield.

That's why he tips his fedora to Ord Minnett planner Darren Wise, who, along with his mate Shane Pophfer, is embarking on a climb of North America's highest peak, Mount McKinley's (or 'Denali', as the native

Americans call it) in Alaska, as part of a challenge to climb all seven summits of the seven continents.

The dynamic duo have already conquered Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Kosciuszko (Australia), Mount Aconcagua (South America) and Mount Elbrus (Russia).

Rising an impressive 6,194 metres, Denali is considered by many seasoned mountaineers to be the coldest mountain on earth. And Outsider thought forgetting Mrs O's birthday was frosty enough! It's enough to send

shivers down your spine.

Wise sets out from Oz on 10 June for the climb. He hopes to raise \$16,000 for charity, with the money going towards the purchase of two insulin pumps for the Children's Hospital at Westmead that will help maintain the glucose levels of sick children.

To support Wise and his 'Seven Summits' challenge, donations can be made by visiting www.everydayhero.com.au/westmead. Wise, an ex-elite soldier with the Royal Australian Army, is also fundraising for Legacy. Dona-



tions can be made at www.everydayhero.com.au/legacy. Donations are 100 per cent tax deductible.

Since Mr Wise is a former SAS

solider trained in innumerable ways of inflicting pain – of the kind Outsider's boss can only dream of – Outsider won't be saying 'no' to any request he makes.