Perhaps it's to lend a tone of seriousness to the proceedings. Or maybe the voters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences just don't like to laugh. Whatever the reason, Oscar always tends to overlook comedies. Since 1978 just two films that could be classified as comedies, "Shakespeare in Love" and "Forrest Gump," have taken home the Best Picture statuette.

In order to correct such oversights, GOLFDOM has searched high and low for cinematic laughs and is proud to present our 10 best comedies for your enjoyment and debate:

1. "Dr. Strangelove" (1964) — Peter Sellers makes this cold-war parody tick, tackling several roles, including the sheepish president. The line, "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the War Room," sums up the haunting and hilarious satire.

2. "Some Like it Hot" (1959) — Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis form one of the best comedic duos in film history, as their female alter-egos, Daphne and Josephine, meet up with Marilyn Monroe for unmitigated silliness and gender-bending antics.


See you in the funny pages.

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