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A schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson.  
"Is the word spelled p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor.  
"P-u-t-t is correct," he replied.  
"Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

Golfdom's  
**Joke**  
of the month



# reel fun

**P**erhaps 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:

**10. "Caddyshack" (1980)** — I know the film doesn't treat superintendents very well, but the performance of Rodney Dangerfield alone makes this send-up of country clubs absolutely hysterical.

**9. "Bull Durham" (1988)** — My high-school girlfriend made us leave his film because she didn't like the rough language. I did. Whether it's breathing through the eyelids or Susan Sarandon reading Walt Whitman to a bound Tim Robbins, this wacky look at the minor leagues is a wonderful paean to the grit of America's pastime.

**8. "The Thin Man" (1934)** — William Powell and Myrna Loy play Nick and Nora Charles in this charming comedy about a sophisticated couple who moonlight as detectives. Their incisive, witty dialogue remains the gold stan-

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FUNNY BONE IN ITS BODY, BUT  
THESE COMEDIES ARE NOTHING  
(AND EVERYTHING) TO LAUGH AT

BY MARK LUCE

dard for banter in romantic comedies.

**7. "A Fish Called Wanda" (1988)** — While mocking those who stutter still isn't politically correct, Otto's (Kevin Kline) ridicule of Ken's (Michael Palin) fish-loving character brings unparalleled delight in this veritable romp of double-cross, uncomfortable situations and hijinks.

**6. "My Man Godfrey" (1936)** — One of the few screwball comedies with a real sense of purpose. William Powell and Carole Lombard lead a wonderful ensemble cast through a zany — but poignant — look at The Depression.

**5. "This is Spinal Tap" (1984)** — This film goes to 11.

**4. "Stripes" (1981)** — Loveable losers Bill Murray and Harold Ramis are in the Army now and have to save the free world. Warren Oates' turn as Sgt. Hulka sets the bar for all hard-nosed drill sergeants.

**3. "Raising Arizona" (1987)** — The Coen Brothers brought the offbeat to

the mainstream in this Nicholas Cage/Holly Hunter masterpiece.

**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.

**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.

**Honorable Mentions** — "Bottle Rocket," "Flirting With Disaster," "Animal House," "Modern Times," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "It Happened One Night," "Napoleon Dynamite," "The Jerk," "Midnight Run," "The Sting," "Sixteen Candles."

See you in the funny pages.

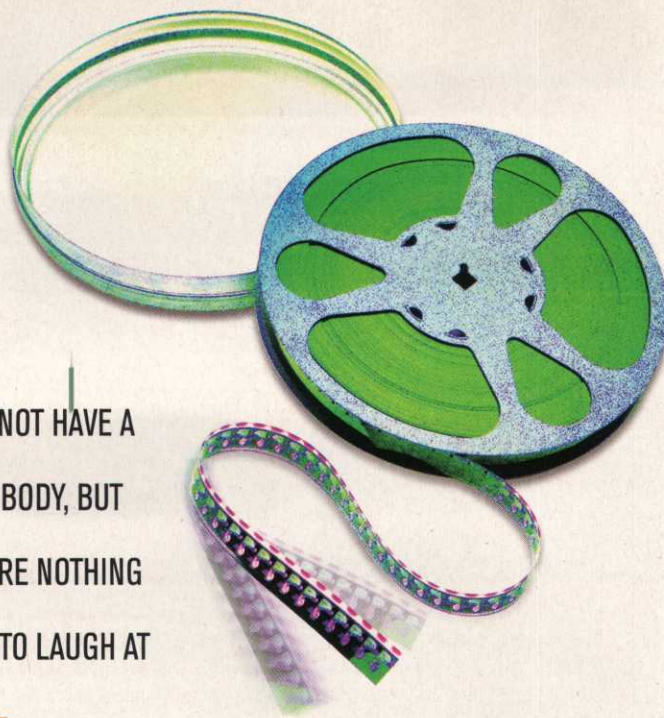
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