

## Caddyshack

It was not featured on the American Film Institute's Top 100 Films List. It never received an Oscar. Yet Caddyshack has gone down in history as one of the funniest films of all time. True, the humour is not for everyone. But to its audience, it is as classic as Citizen Kane is to true film critics.

A pretentious country club, Bushwood, is the locale for the film which premiered in 1980. Created by Harold Ramis, the genius behind Animal House and Ghostbusters, Caddyshack pokes fun at the pretentious, the snobbish, and the unscrupulous. The jokes can be crude, a Baby Ruth bar floating in a crowded pool, but over all the film is just funny. Chevy Chase (National Lampoon Series, Saturday Night Live) and stand up comedian Rodney Dangerfield fuel the battle as an eccentric member with a mantra of "be the ball" and a snobbish millionaire looking to buy the club respectively.

Director Harold Ramis claims that the majority of his success is due to Caddyshack. According to an interview with him in the special edition DVD people often recognize him for Caddyshack, even after starring in Ghostbusters.

Its not the greatest date movie, but as a funny comedy for the teenage audience, and those of us who will always be teenagers, it hits its mark with that happy sound a ball makes when it finds the bottom of the cup. **Grade B+/A-**

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