Here are members of the faculty who conducted the PGA Business School for pros and assistants at Dunedin, Fla., in January. (Left to right) Joe Devaney, Eddie Duino, Norris Denno, George Aulbach, Emil Beck, Bill Hardy, Ray Geschke and Willie Ogg. Beck was the school chmn., Denno and Geschke helped him handle the paper work and others did the teaching.

Training Group Builds Course at Brunswick

At the U. S. Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Me., they put their training to practical use. The station is one in a network of iceberg and submarine detection installations, but normal routine here calls for a great deal of work, and training of recruits, with heavy duty earth moving and construction machinery. So, the machines that are used to hack runways out of the wilderness and clear great wooded areas for defense stations, were entrusted to the training group in 1958 to build a golf course as a practice problem.

Taxpayers will be happy to know that the cost of constructing the 9-hole layout was practically nil. At the same time, the trainees were doing a very constructive and practical piece of work — one that will be appreciated by about 80 per cent of recreation starved sailors. They are due to start playing the Station course around May 1 or as soon as spring puts in an appearance in Brunswick.

Designed by Pro

The course was designed by a neighboring pro. It was built under the direction of Lt. R. G. Burkemper of Special Service and R. B. Keenan, a civilian attached to Special Service. Greens were contoured and seeded last summer with Colonial bent and were in fine condition by late fall. Finishing touches were made on the course before the first snowfall and so only the weather possibly can delay opening day. Work in 1958 was completed with the building of a 5,000 sq. ft. practice green and, as a practical afterthought, construction of second tees on each hole. All 18 tees have been built so that they can be maintained with fairway mowers. A brook that winds through the area has been dammed to provide a water hole and for irrigation of greens and tees.

Three officers and three enlisted men are serving on the green committee along with R. B. Keenan. A supt. has been hired to oversee maintenance of the course. Clubs will be made available through Ship Stores. The amount of interest shown by Station personnel in playing golf will determine whether a pro will be hired later this year or in 1960.

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