A renewed father-son partnership that began almost as a whim with construction of Walt Disney Co.'s Celebration golf course in Orlando, Fla., is now a legal entity incorporated as RTJ Golf Ventures.

The Robert Trent Joneses — Sr. and Jr. — tied the corporate knot after the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) and a development group both asked them to co-design their projects. Jones Jr. had been hired to add a new nine holes to the SCGA's Jones Sr.-designed Rancho California Golf Course here and design an 18-hole track outside Sacramento for partners C.C. Myers and rancher Jerry Johnson. But an opportunity Christmas-time visit by Jones Sr. with his son led to meetings with leaders of both groups. RTJ Golf Ventures was created and contracts with Jones Jr.'s RTJ II International were rewritten with the new firm. RTJ II International and the Jones Sr.'s Jones Companies will continue to design their own projects as well.

"Dad came out at Christmas to look over the SCGA project, and I suggested to them (developers) it might be fun to make the grand master a part of it," Robert Jr. recalled. "It's a collaboration and a wonderful, fun experience."

Asked who's the boss, Robert Jr., who worked for his father from 1960 to 1972, dismissed the idea of being "joined at the hip like Siamese twins," saying: "No, it's arm-in-arm."

Describing a visit by his father to Disney's Celebration course — built for families — Robert Jr. said: "He said everything had good flow of line, a linksland feeling, and he was very happy."

Asked how much input his father had"