

THE FRONT STREET MILE



The historic whaling village of Lahaina, known world-wide for its trendy art galleries, Seaside restaurants, and whale watching, will shift to a higher gear on Saturday, September 19, 2009, when local milers race for a \$900 prize purse and youth athletes compete at the Eighth Annual Bubba Gumps Run Forrest Run Front Street Mile. The Front Street Mile was founded in 2002, in Lahaina, to give the youth of Maui a race to be a part of during the September Maui Marathon weekend. Maui runner and coach, from Lahaina, Dennis Nakamura had a dream to see a mile race on Front Street with kids and maybe elite athletes. Nakamura approached Rudy Huber, Hawaii Elite Track Team founder and Valley Isle Road Runners President, about his dream. Huber ran with the idea, and has never looked back.

“Holding the race on the same weekend as the Maui Marathon also adds to the excitement every year, and with a new course, it will be exciting.” Furthered Huber. The up and back course, which starts and finishes in front of Bubba Gumps,, one of the most popular restaurants in Lahaina, is a flat asphalt course on Front Street and goes around the famous Banyan Trees at the Lahaina Harbor.

With the bulk of the participants being youth ages 2-17 years old, the event also has had a draw of adults from Maui and as far as Canada and Japan. The event has brought out more than 250 participants each year. This year will be no exception. Also participating are the elite athletes. For the past seven years, the Front Street Mile has attracted elite athletes from all around the U.S., Canada, England, New Zealand, Kenya, and Australia. With a prize purse of \$1750 and an opportunity to see the islands and relax, they always enjoy coming back.

Medals will be given out to the top 10 in each age group and prize money will be given out to this years open and elite races.

Registration is \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth under 18 years old. Certificates and t-shirts will be given out on race day. Come out and have fun at one of Maui’s premiere events.