Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2011 – 12th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: <u>14 July 11</u> Area: <u>NIP</u> Manager: <u>Schuler</u>

Squares	XX99	XX/YY0	E9/E10	F9	F10	F10(w)
Loci	1907	1930	1929	1928	1931	2008
Baskets	2430	2431	2432	2434	2435	2436
Walls	1888, 1923					
Floors	1929					

1) Northeast Zone

- a) Continued work in Square XX99.
 - i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
 - ii) Basket = 2430 (Medium sized shards; Beisan jars; lamp; pipe; 300 CE 600 CE)
 - iii) Starting elevation = 129.70 (slough fell in)
 - iv) Ending elevation = 129.83 (more slough)
 - v) Soil is Horizon B
 - vi) Removed rest of slough to the level of unexcavated soil
- b) Continued work in Square XX/yy0.
 - i) Goal = Excavate NE hall of peristyle court
 - ii) Basket = 2431 (Mainly body shards of EROM jars with some admixture of Beisan jars; Indicative Wares KFH; AMP; 100 BC – 100 CE; see previous note on such remains at this level)
 - iii) Starting elevation = 130.79
 - iv) Ending elevation = 130.43
 - v) Soil is Horizon B.
 - vi) Continued to reduce level
 - vii) Difficulty with NW corner discerning what is destruction fill from what might be residual structure.
- c) Conservation work resumed on the fountain.



- 2) Southwest Zone
 - a) Continued work in Square E9/10.
 - i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
 - Basket = 2432 (Large pieces of Beisan jars; and larger proportion of gritty cooking ware than in a previous basket of the same locus; Indicative Wares ARS; Residual 1 BG and few EROM (none kept); 450 CE - 700 CE)
 - iii) Starting elevation = 128.59
 - iv) Ending elevation = 128.39 (south),
 - v) Exposed crude stone floor (F1929). Our hypothesis is that this area served as a storage room under a sleeping lift (cp. Window wall houses at Qazrin, Capernaum, and Chorazin).
 - vi) May be evidence of doorway in east wall.
 - vii) A shaped stone with holes near the top was found while sifting (fishing net weight? #546), length: 9 cm, width: 8 cm, height: 8 cm
 - viii)Nail fragment w/o head (#547, 5 x 1 cm
 - ix) Reconstructed east wall 5 meters x 2 courses in E9 and E10



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- b) Continued work in Square F10.
 - i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
 - ii) Basket = 2434
 - iii) Basket = 2435 (Large pieces of Beisan jars; gritty cooking ware (R with L.1928);
 600 750 CE)
 - iv) Basket = 2436 (Little pottery; few fragments of Beisan jars; AMP; UMM ? Coarse pithos; 450 CE 700 CE)
 - v) Starting elevation = 128.99
 - vi) Ending elevation = 128.59
 - vii) Soil is Horizon B
 - viii)Now below level of heavy fill
 - ix) Bench on south wall (W1888) at elevation 128.68. Proceeds east from W1923 for 2.59 m. The bench is 80 cm wide.
 - x) Nail with head and point (#548, Length: 6 cm, Head width: 1.5 cm)
- c) Continued work in Square G10.
 - i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
 - ii) Starting elevation = 127.89
 - iii) Ending elevation = 127.89
 - iv) Finished cleaning and drawing



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 v) In its final phase, the room seems to have functioned as a place for storing animals due to the presence of a watering bowl and an animal tie up on the east side of the room. However, the door frame was designed to close and lock the door from inside the room. Such would not be the case for an animal pen, thus suggestion that evidence be sought for a prior function of the room.

