Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 30 June 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DH39 North	DI41 south		
Loci	2113	1237		
Baskets	3140	None		
Walls 1244, 1285				
Floors				

- 1. Continued work in the "gathering hall" (Squares DH40 south with the NW corner of DI39 and the east edge of DG39) and DH39 North (i.e.,
 - a. Goal = identify the south end of the Beta Building
 - b. Basket = 3140
 - c. Starting elevation = 128.63
 - d. Ending elevation = 128.63 (128.60 on bench?)
 - e. Soil = horizon C (white and chalky)
 - f. After cleaning the area of winter growth and tumble, we just began to remove more of the remaining soil and fill.
 - g. Possible small bench identified next to W1285 in the NW corner of DI39
 - h. Ceramic analysis
 - Mainly dating from 5AD
 - ii. Mainly dating to 7AD
 - iii. Stratigraphic context: South-West room (DG 39)
 - iv. Description: Two shards
 - v. Indicative wares:
- 2. Began work in Square DI41 south.
 - a. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - b. Basket = none, as we were just breaking the surface.
 - c. Starting elevation = 131.14
 - d. Ending elevation = 130.91 in east and 130.68 in west
 - e. Soil is Horizon A (top soil and tractor fill)
 - f. Opened the south portion of DI41 sufficiently to expose W1244.

g. May be revealing some wall stones in the west part of the square. Speculation that one is a lintel stone.

