Hippos (Sussita) 2016 – 17th Season Daily Log and Drawing

Date: 6 July 2016_____ Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DP44	DP45	DR40	DQ40	
Loci	2146 2147	2144 2145	1226 2133	2133	
Baskets	3438 3442	3439 3440	3437 3441	3443	
Walls					
Floors					

1. Continued work in DP44

- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = 3438 and 3442
- c. Starting elevation = 130.03
- d. Ending elevation = 130.07 and low (probe) 129,61
- e. Soil = second and third layers below tractor fill, the third has more granularity and many tesserae

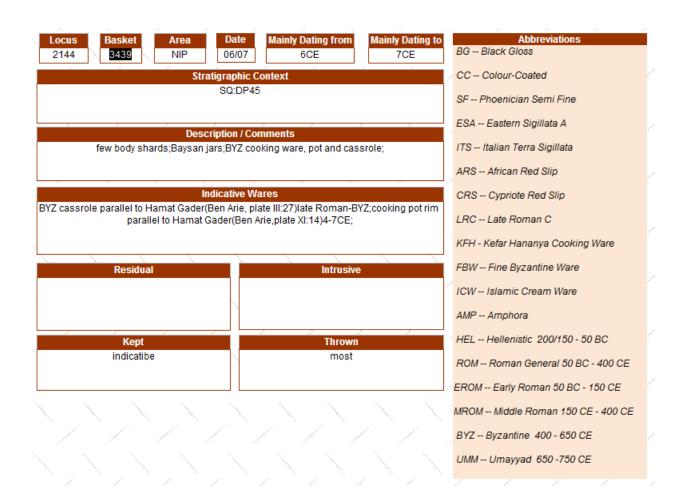
f. Comments

- i. Tesserae pieces in corner are not part of floor (collapse from above?)
- ii. Work next to the pilaster convinces that we are still well above floor level
- iii. Additional clusters of tesserae come from the fill, reinforcing the idea of a collapse from above.
- iv. Small nail fragment found with detector (#815)

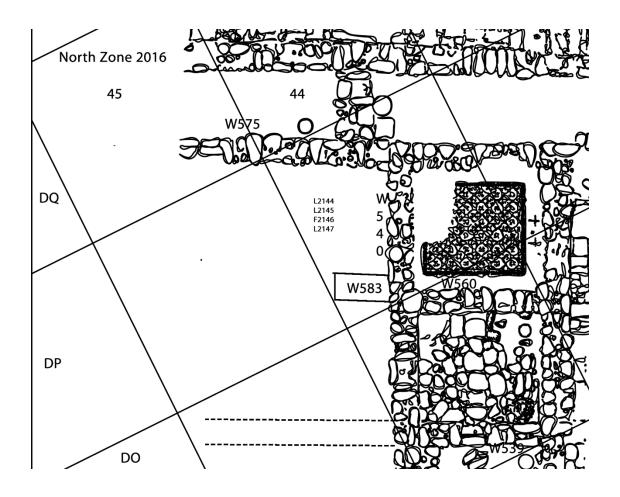


2. Continued work in DP45

- g. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- h. Basket = 3439 and 3440
- i. Starting elevation = 130.54
- j. Ending elevation = 130.20
- k. Soil = topsoil (black) and then subsoil
- I. Comments
 - i. Possible corner of an altar screen (#817)
 - ii. 8.5 cm nail with a slight bend (#819)



LocusBasketAreaDateMainly Dating fromMainly Dating to21453440NIP06/076CE7CE	Abbreviations BG Black Gloss		
Stratigraphic Context	CC Colour-Coated		
SQ:DP45;under I2144;	SF Phoenician Semi Fine		
	ESA Eastern Sigillata A		
Description / Comments some shards,most are body shards of Baysan jars;BYZ cookong pots;	ITS Italian Terra Sigillata		
	ARS African Red Slip		
Indicative Wares LRC rim prallel to Haves, (form 3F)6CE;LRC rim paralell to Hayes, (form 10B) late6CE-eraly	CRS Cypriote Red Slip		
7CE; Baysan jar parallel to Sussita(2010,plateVII:62)5CE-early 7CE; Baysan jar parallel to	LRC Late Roman C		
Hamat Gader(plate XIII:5)6-7CE;BYZ cassrole parallel to Hamat Gader(Ben Arie, plate III:27)late Roman-BYZ;	KFH - Kefar Hananya Cooking Ware		
Residual Intrusive	FBW Fine Byzantine Ware		
rim flask 1BCE-1CE	ICW Islamic Cream Ware		
	AMP Amphora		
Kept Thrown	HEL Hellenistic 200/150 - 50 BC		
indicative most	ROM Roman General 50 BC - 400 CE		
	EROM Early Roman 50 BC - 150 CE		
	MROM Middle Roman 150 CE - 400 CE		
	BYZ Byzantine 400 - 650 CE	P	
	UMM Umayyad 650 -750 CE		



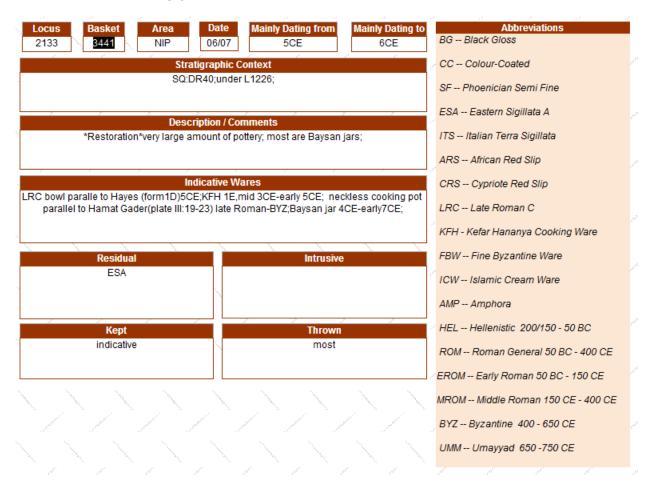
3. Continued work in DR40

- a. Goal = complete the excavation of the easterly storage room, east of the window wall W2132.
- b. Basket = 3437 and 3441
- c. Starting elevation = 131.33
- d. Ending elevation = 131.02
- e. Soil = destruction fill

f. Comments

- i. Lots of dumped pottery of similar type to the previous day, especially Beisan jars.
- ii. Small mammal bones (mole or mouse?), burrowing animal that died in situ
- iii. Two large chunks of raw glass were in the fill, suggesting glass making may have been a monastic activity. IN a much earlier season, we did recover another chunk of raw glass, but it may not have been identified. We will search the list of small finds.

iv. Began clearing the final 15 cm of soil from the floor, starting south and working north.



4. Continued work in DQ40

- a. Goal = complete the excavation of the easterly storage room, east of the window wall W2132.
- b. Basket = 3443
- c. Starting elevation = 131.33
- d. Ending elevation = 131.02
- e. Soil = destruction fill
- f. Comments
 - We have been using DR40 as a generic identifier. The area being excavated is actually the NW corner of DR40, the NE corner of DQ40, the SE corner of DQ41, and the SW corner of DR41
 - ii. We established this separate basket in DQ40 to more precisely locate certain finds, such as the cluster of dumped pottery.

- iii. Broken nail (#812) with 5 cm section and 4 cm section
- iv. 6 cm nail fragment(#813)
- v. Nail (#814) in dump pile
- vi. Nail in six fragments (#816)
- vii. 6 cm nail fragment (#820)



