## Hippos (Sussita) 2016 – 17<sup>th</sup> Season Daily Log and Drawing

Date: 18 July 2016\_\_\_\_\_ Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DP45	DO45	DN46	DN45	
Loci	2147	2147	2160	2159	
Baskets	3467	3468	3469	4370	
Walls					
Floors					

- 1. Continued work in DP45 and DO45 (east)
  - a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
  - b. Basket = 3467 and 3468
  - c. Starting elevation = 129.66 (south), 129.60 (north) (floor at 129.36)
  - d. Ending elevation = 129.34 (floor)
  - e. Soil = layer 3 soil
  - f. Comments
    - i. Removed floating wall (W541)
    - ii. Cleared to level of crude stone floor. The stone floor (F2162) is a step above (20 cm) F2149.
    - iii. Recovered a broken nail 9 cm in length (#853).
    - iv. In the north part of the square and parallel to W540, we discovered a door threshold (exterior to the north) of an earlier structure on the site (elevation =

- 129.52). A single stone (60x55cm) of the wall (W2163) sits to the east of the threshold. The threshold is 56 cm wide and 106 cm long in two sections.
- v. The stone floor is 66cm below the floor south of W540, so we interpret the opening as a window (elevation = 130.75, although the seams in the exterior of W540 go all the way to the level of the stone floor (F2162). On second thought, widows of such a width would require a significant header.
- vi. F2149, upon further observation, may be partially bedrock (soft limestone).





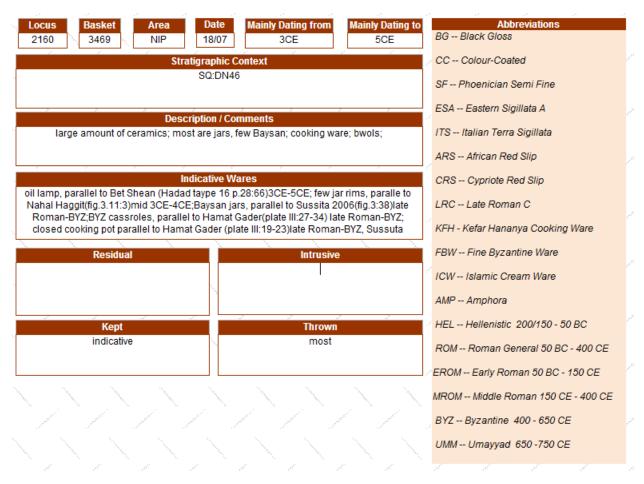
## 2. Continued work in DN46 and DN45 (west)

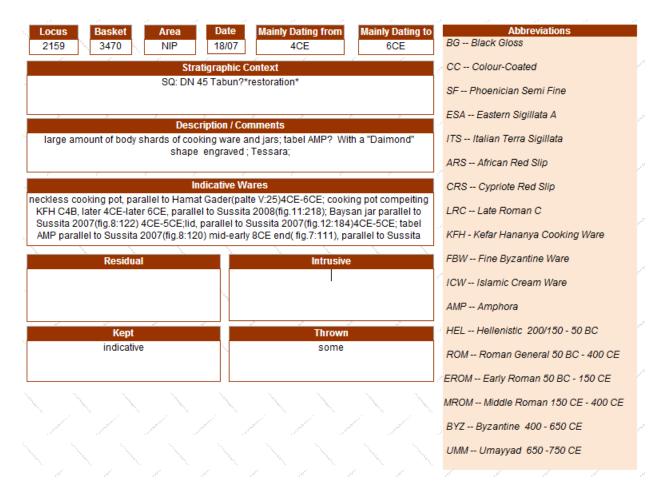
- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = 3469 and 3470
- c. Starting elevation = 129.51 (north), 129.76 (level of fill in the interior of the taboun)
- d. Ending elevation = 129.40 (north), 129.49 (bottom of the taboun)
- e. Soil = above mud floor

## f. Comments

- i. In the area north of W2156, we made the fill anew locus do to a change in soil contents (L2160)
- ii. We stopped work at a level that seems to be a mud floor (elevation = 129.40). If confirmed, we will give it a locus designation later.
- iii. We collected much pottery and bones (including a number of large vertebrae).
- iv. We also recovered a small pendant (#855) and a soft stone bead (#856) from a necklace.

- v. A 5 cm fragment of a nail was also recovered (#854).
- vi. In the taboun, we are reaching the level where the ceramic exterior curves in. there are several stones that may have held pots above a burning fire. Several think ceramic pieces may have been part of a plate for holding contents. Several highly decorated rims were recovered from a cluster of pottery in the back of the taboun. Field reading was Mamluk, which would suggest that the taboun and the related structures are a much later intrusion into the ruins of the North building. Later work done by ceramicist dated the piece to the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> centuries.





## 3. Opened middle area DO45

- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = none
- c. Starting elevation = 131.31
- d. Ending elevation = 131.10
- e. Soil = tractor fill
- f. Comments
  - i. We opened the 2 meter balk between the east and west sections.

