

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2004 – 5th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 12 Sept 04 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a	C1	C2	E2	
Loci	L537	L542	L501	L505	
Baskets	1903	1901	1902	1900	
Walls	W511				
Floors	F538, F544				

- Continued work in Square B2a
  - Starting elevation = work inside the limestone box
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Continued removing dirt from around bones.
  - Visiting rheumatist affirmed our assessment that the visible pelvis belongs to a male.
  - He also noted that the squamosal suture between the temporal and parietal bones of the skull is not fully fused. Seems to imply the remains belong to a youth or young adult.
  - Rough measurements for long bone still *in situ* suggest a height of 165-167cm
- Continued work in Square C1
  - Starting elevation = to west 130.47, to east 130.39 (both are levels of mosaic)
  - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base)
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Started to reveal floor working from the chancel screen base. Red and black tile are discernable in places
  - A nail was recovered from the fill
  - Sieving applied to all dirt from the square. Some to be sent off for floral/faunal analysis.
- Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.55
  - Ending elevation = 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base)
  - Soil is Horizon B

- List of architectural items
  - C1900 recovered from D2 next to south stylobate between CS3 and CS4. Entire nave was swept with a metal detector, although no excavation was done outside of C2
- Began uncovering mosaic beginning from the chancel screen base and working in a westerly direction
- Burned wood and nails from on west edge of square C2 are a modern intrusion (buried garbage) as a candy wrapped was found with them.
- Next to the chancel screen base, most of the mosaic is gone. Only the pebble base and a few small areas remain.
- Began work in Square E2
  - Starting elevation = 130.78
  - Ending elevation = 130.66
  - Soil is Horizon A/B
  - List of architectural items
    - A fragment of lead (plating (?)) was recovered in the sweep by the metal detector just east of the main door)
  - Dug a 1m-wide trench on the exterior of W511 in a northerly direction.
  - Identified a central doorway with a width of 128 cm and a door width of 143 cm. At this level, it seems as if the door was intentionally blocked.

## Observations

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**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1900**

Locus: 505  
 Opening elevation: 130.78  
 Weight: 2.34kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: E2  
 Closing elevation: 130.66  
 Date: 12-Sep-04  
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic             | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Sample  | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Bones |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/> Copper      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tesserae            | <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt       | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glass               | <input type="checkbox"/> Lithic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plaster/Fresco                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Coil/organic | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural Item  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inscription  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint        |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone  |                                      |

**Remarks:**

Roof tiles: 2

Marble fragment

Bones: jawbone and two other fragments (animal)

Glass: thick yellow rim 9% of 7.5cm, blue-green rim 4% of 14.5cm, 1 blue fragment, 3 blue-green fragments

Tesserae: 50 white, 5 black, 2 yellow

Cluster: 1 of 2 white

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim			1	1	1		3	1	
Handle			4				4		
Body Shard	1		70				57		

**Remarks:**

pot rim 10% of 9cm

casserole rim 2.5% of 18cm

bowl rim 10% of 8.5cm

jar rim 17.5% of 5.5cm

jar rim 17% of 5.5cm

jar rim 6% of 6cm

bowl rim 5% of 7.5cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1901**

Locus: 542 Square: C1  
 Opening elevation: to west 130.47, to east 130.39 Closing elevation: 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble  
 (both are levels of mosaic) base)  
 Weight: 2.33 Date: 12-Sep-04  
 Manager: Schuler Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tesserae | <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt       | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glass    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lithic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plaster/Fresco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Coil/organic | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Item  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inscription  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin                | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint        |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp                | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone  |                                      |

**Remarks:**

bone: 1 animal fragment  
 glass: 1 thicker blue fragment, 1 thin blue, 1 thin green, 1 thin yellow  
 Tesserae: 375 white, 166 black, 33 pink, 18 red, 9 yellow, 8 brown  
 Clusters: 4 of 2 white, 1 of 4 white, 1 of six black

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	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim	1		1		1		1		
Handle			2	1					
Body Shard	1		39				25		1 spout

**Remarks:**

plate rim 8% of 13.5cm  
 pot rim 3% of 10 cm  
 bowl rim 10% of 7.5cm  
 jar rim 10% of 5cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1902**

Locus: 501

Square: C2

Opening elevation: 130.55

Closing elevation: 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base)

Weight: 3.5kg

Date: 12-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp                | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone  |                                      |

**Remarks:**

Bones: 7 animal

marble: 1 fragment

glass: base 100% of 2 cm, bluegreen fragment

tesserae: 521 white, 94 black, 42 red, 12 yellow

clusters: 10 of 2 white, 2 of 3 white, 2 of 4 white, 1 of 1 black and 1 white, 1 of 1 black and 2 white, 1 of 5 black and 4 white

coin

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base	2						1	1	
Rim			1						
Handle			4	1			1		
Body Shard	3		66				42		

**Remarks:**

white fineware bowl rim 8% of 7.5cm

jar rim 12.5% of 6cm

pot rim 23.5% of 5.5cm

jar rim 15% of 5cm

cooking bowl rim 2.5% of 10.5cm

jar rim 27.5% of 5 cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1903**

Locus: 537

Square: B2a

Opening elevation:

Closing elevation:

Weight:

Date: 12-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: burial

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**Remarks:**

small animal bones  
 12 plaster fregments, 1 red  
 glass: small green fragments

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Base									
Rim									
Handle									
Body Shard									

**Remarks:**

Daily Drawing

