

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

Date: 13 Sept 2004 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a	C1	C2	E2	C0
Loci	L537	L542	L501	L505	L536
Baskets	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
Walls	W511, W521				
Floors	F538, F544, F545, F546				

- Continued work in Square B2a
  - Starting elevation = work inside the limestone box
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Continued removing dirt from around bones.
- Continued work in Square C1
  - Starting elevation = 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base)
  - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - List of architectural items
    - Small fragment of marble tray recovered from area near bench
  - Continued the cleaning of last fill above the mosaic.
- Continued work in Square C2
  - Starting elevation = 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base)
  - Ending elevation = 130.50-130.53 (most mosaic), 130.63 (mosaic in SE corner of square)
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Continued to clear the floor
  - Mostly a cobble base
  - Some swirls (circles) in patches of remaining mosaic
  - Likely we are seeing two separate mosaic layers as there can be as much as 10 cm of difference in elevation and some mosaic is heavily coated with plaster.
  - In one section of C2 the two layers are clearly visible overlaying each other

- Upper mosaic is at elevation 130.62
  - Lower mosaic is at elevation 130.57
- Continued work in Square E2
  - Starting elevation = 131.09
  - Ending elevation = 130.62
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Clarified that the main doorway to the nave had been blocked at some time later in the history of the church. A small diameter column drum (see columns in C0) and several blocks are laid flush with the exterior of W511)
  - The opening for the nave doorway begins 6.4m from the SW exterior corner of the church
  - To the west of W511 is a flagstone floor (F545) that overlays a mosaic floor (F546). A portion of the mosaic floor (F546) is visible next to W511 running south from the doorway for the nave.
  - About 4m from the SW exterior corner is some sort of installation 56cm wide and octagonal in shape. It is partially plastered over. Its function is unclear.
  - On the mosaic (F546), there is a swirl border approx 21 cm wide running next to W511.
  - Plaster from the mosaic floor (F546) curves up the wall in spots, indicating that the exterior of W511 was plastered.
- Resumed work in Square C0 from last year
  - Starting elevation = 131.64
  - Ending elevation = 131.18
  - Soil is Horizon A/B
  - List of architectural items -- none
  - Brought the section of the square south of W540 and west of W539 to the level of the trench dug in a previous season.
  - Fill consisted of typical debris and portions of tumbled down walls.

Observations

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**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1904**

Locus: 537

Square: B2a

Opening elevation:

Closing elevation:

Weight:

Date: 13-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: burial

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ceramic             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Soil Sample  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Human Bones |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Copper      |
| <input 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:

glass: 1 green fragment

1 tooth

**Basket Analysis**

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

Remarks:

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1905**

Locus: 542 Square: C1  
 Opening elevation: 130.55 (mosaic), 130.52 (pebble base) Closing elevation: 130.55 (mosaic)  
 Weight: 3.47kg Date: 13-Sep-04  
 Manager: Schuler Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulla        | <input type="checkbox"/> Copper      |
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| <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:**

Roof tile: 1

1 piece of worked limestone

bone: 12 fragments (animal)

tesserae: 469 white, 152 black, 26 brown, 26 yellow, 16 red, 15 pink

clusters: 4 of 2 white, 4 of 2 vblack, 1 of 2 brown, 1 of 1 white and 1 black, 1 of 1 white and 1 brown, 1 of 4 brown, 1 of 6 white and three black

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim			1				3		
Handle							1		
Body Shard	6		57				29		

**Remarks:**

thick jar rim 16% of 5 cm

jar rim 6% of 7cm

jar rim 15% of 4.5cm

pot rim 10% of 5cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1906**

Locus: 501 Square: C2  
 Opening elevation: 130.64 (mosaic), 130.57 (pebble base) Closing elevation: 130.50-130.53 (most mosaic), 130.63 (mosaic in SE corner of square)  
 Weight: 3.18kg Date: 13-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 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:**

Roof tiles: 2

Bone: 1 fragment animal

glass: 1 green base

tesserae: 407 white, 89 black, 38 brown, 8 pink, 9 red, 9 yellow

clusters: 14 of 2 white, 2 of 3 white, 3 of 4 white, 2 of 5 white, 3 of 6 white, 1 of 7 white, 1 of 2 black, 1 of 2 brown, 1 of 1 white and 1 brown, 1 of 2 white and 2 black, 1 of 3 white and 6 red and 2 yellow, 1 of 1 black and 1 brown and 1 white

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim			1		2				
Handle		1							
Body Shard	0		37				30		

**Remarks:**

cooking bowl rim 5% of 6 cm

red cooking bowl rim 6.5% of 11 cm

pot rim 15% of 5cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1907**

Locus: 505  
 Opening elevation: 131.09  
 Weight: .44kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: E2  
 Closing elevation: 130.62  
 Date: 13-Sep-04  
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tesserae | <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt       | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp                | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone  |                                      |

**Remarks:**

Glass: 1 thin gree fragment  
 Bone: 2 fragments animal  
 Tesserae: 9 white, 1 pink

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim								1	
Handle			2						
Body Shard	0		22				17		

**Remarks:**

bowl rim 3% of 25cm

**Basket Field Card****Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1908**

Locus: 536  
 Opening elevation: 131.64  
 Weight: 1.63kg  
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C0  
 Closing elevation: 131.18  
 Date: 13-Sep-04  
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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

**Remarks:**

Roof tile: 1

Bone: 2 fragments animal

glass: 1 blue-green base, 1 green fragment

Tesserae: 15 white, 2 brown, 3 black

**Basket Analysis**

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base	3								
Rim				2			1	1	
Handle			5	1			3		
Body Shard	2		88				50		

**Remarks:**

casserole rim 3% of 15.5

casserole rim 2% of 21cm

jar rim: 10% of 4.5cm

bowl rim 10% of 6.5cm

Daily Drawing

