

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

Date: 14 Sept 2004 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a	C0	C1	D2	E3
Loci	L537	L536	L542	L501	L536
Baskets	1911	1910	1912	1909	none
Walls					
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.
 - Also began to extract unidentifiable bone fragments.
- Continued work in Square C0
 - Starting elevation = 131.18
 - Ending elevation = 130.82
 - Soil is Horizon B changing to C
 - List of architectural items
 - An addition column base is visible (44cm in diameter) 0.56m from the west balk and 2.58m from W521.
 - N1910 – short nail with missing tip (found in bone bag)
 - Field basket card TBA
 - Along with tumble and destruction fill, there seems to be some intentional placement of blocks (primitive) around the pillar in the SW corner of the excavated section.
 - Shards from many cooking pots were also recovered.
 - A stone floor might be appearing next to W521.
 - The area may be a cooking or domestic area, perhaps from a later time (cp installation near exterior NW corner of church.
- Continued work in Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)
 - Ending elevation = 130.55 (mosaic)

- Soil is Horizon C
- List of architectural items -- none
- Finished clearing remainder of dirt covering mosaic floor (F538)
- The mosaic floor is in fragmentary condition with only the pebble base still visible in spots.
- One section of mosaic was partially cleaned revealing a square pattern. The central square has stair-step lines of mosaic tiles running diagonally: brown, black, white, yellow, white, black, pink, cream, and black. The square is outlined in black. Smaller squares are at each point of the original square. They are outlined in black. On one side the field color is pink. On the other side the field color is yellow. Black-trimmed rectangles complete the pattern on each of the four sides. The field color is white.
- Continued work in Square D2
 - Starting elevation = 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59
 - Ending elevation = 130.58 (mosaic on north side near W511) to 130.65 (mosaic on south side near W511)
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - List of architectural items
 - C1909 – coin recovered at floor level near north stylobate and W511
 - Swept the rest of the dirt from F544.
 - Two different layers of mosaic are visible in a fragmentary way as in C2.
 - The top layer has a fan pattern as in the NWC
 - Lower level has a guilloche (see the south aisle from last year) and some larger swirls
 - Condition of the floor in C2 and D2 is quite fragmentary. Major conservation is needed.
- Preparatory work done for Square E3
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Surface of square E3 was cleared of rubble and weeds. Boundaries of the square were marked in preparation for excavation.

Observations

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1909**

Locus: 501 Square: D2
 Opening elevation: 103.64 (next to W511) to 130.59 Closing elevation: 130.58 (mosaic on north side near W511) to 130.65 (mosaic on south side near W511)
 Weight: 7.04kg Date: 14-Sep-04
 Manager: Schuler 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coin | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone | |

Remarks:

Bone: 4 fragments animal

Roof tiles: 3

Tesserae: 695 white, 109 black, 26 pink, 13 red, 17 yellow, 41 brown

Clusters: 12 of 2 white, 10 of 3 white, 8 of 4 white, 2 of 5 white, 2 of 6 white, 1 of 8 white, 1 of 29 white, 2 of 2 black, 2 of 2 brown, 2 of 2 yellow, 1 of 1 white and 1 black, 1 of 1 white and 1 brown, 1 of 7 white and 6 black, 1 of 11 white and 5 black and 2 red and 2 pink coin

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim	2			1	4			1	
Handle			2	1					
Body Shard	5		80				79		

Remarks:

fineware bowl rim 4.5% of 12cm

fineware plate rim 3% of 16 cm

casserole rim 3% of 13cm

grey bowl rim 30% of 6cm

bowl rim with grooves on inside 1.5% of 23 cm

grooved lipped bowl rim 7.5% of 7 cm
shallow bowl rim 3.5% of 15.5cm
jar rim 5% of 8.5cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1910**

Locus: 536
 Opening elevation: 131.18
 Weight: 1.86kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C0
 Closing elevation: 130.82
 Date: 14-Sep-04
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iron |
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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

Animal bones: 7

Seashell: 1

Glass: 7 thin gree, 3 thicker green, 2 blue-green, 1 thin ridged blue-green, 1 green rim 8% of 5cm, green bowl rim 40% of 8.5cm

Nail: 1

Tesserae: 14 white, 1 black, 2 yellow

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base	2		1				2		
Rim			1		1			1	
Handle							1		
Body Shard	3		59				53		

Remarks:

cooking bowl rim 2.5% of 15.5cm

pot rim 8% of 8.5cm

bowl rim 6% of 8.5cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1911**

Locus: 537

Square: B2a

Opening elevation:

Closing elevation:

Weight:

Date: 14-Sep-04

Manager: Schuler

Loci type: burial

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

Remarks:

Glass:

Animal bones: rodents Roof tiles:

Tesserae:

Clusters:

Other: 3 plaster fragments, one decorated

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 # 1912**

Locus: 542
 Opening elevation: 130.55
 Weight: 1.54kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C1
 Closing elevation: 130.55
 Date: 14-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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Remarks:

Glass: 1 thin green, 1 thin blue-green, 1 thicker blue-green, 1 blue glass rim 7.5% of 5cm

Animal bones: 2 Roof tiles: 3

Tesserae: 205 white, 71 black, 10 light brown, 11 brown, 2 shiny dark brown, 14 pink, 4 red, 21 yellow, 1 yellow hard

Clusters:

Other:

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		70				42		

Remarks:

jar rim 5% of 5.5cm

jar rim 4% of 7.5cm

bowl rim 1% of 23cm

Daily Drawing

