

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2005 – 6th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: ___ 14 July___ Area: ___NEC_____ Manager: ___Schuler_____

Squares	B/C0	B4	E4		
Loci	L564	L557	L567		
Baskets	1989	1990	1991		
Walls	W512, W554, W559				
Floors	F568				

- Continued work in Square B/C0
 - Starting elevation = 131.50
 - Ending elevation = 131.27
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - At elevation 131.20, discovered a section of an aqueduct pipe on its side with the opening up. The opening is 30cm is diameter and plugged with dirt, ceramic fragments, and stones. If it is a cistern head, the round lid would be 42cm. It is carved from a block about 58x58cm.
- Continued work in Square B4
 - Starting elevation = 131.50
 - Ending elevation = 131.32
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Pushed to the west in B4 to recover the inside line of W554. W559 is X.XXm from W512. [We have now crossed the south line of the square into B5 to get to the inside of W554 and have crossed the west line of the square into C4 to get to W559.]
 - A small probe was dug next to W559, revealing a hard plaster floor at 130.88.
- Continued work in Square E4 west of W552.
 - Starting elevation = 131.07
 - Ending elevation = 130.91
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Uncovered the opening of the cistern into which street water drained. The opening (intentionally blocked in antiquity) is oval in shape (44cm east to west

and 57cm north to south). The cistern is more than 5m deep. The carved top of the cistern is 130.46

- Reached a mud/plaster floor (F568) west of W552. The floor is quite similar to the floor in the north lateral chamber, but not as hard (mostly mud).
- All work was done south of the line of F562, which may turn out to be the part of a wall into which the pavers were integrated.

Observations

Daily Drawing

