

# Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 2 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2	C/D2	C4	E0	E5	F4
Loci	Backfill from earlier work	Backfill from earlier work	L503	L563	L505	L563
Baskets			2027	2029	2028	No basket
Walls						
Floors						

- The team began the season by devoting early hours to clearing weeds and brush from the dig site, gathering equipment and erecting screens.
- Continued work in Square B2
  - Began the process of removing backfill from the masonry tomb. Our plan is to re-expose the sarcophagus and lift it from the chamber so that we can excavate the lower tomb.
- Continued work in Square C/D4 (Nave)
  - Began to remove the covering layer in anticipation of further work on cleaning and stabilizing the mosaic.
  - In consultation with Kimi and Eva (conservationists), we discussed how we might remove the cover layer which seems to be sticking to the surface of the mosaic. We will try wetting the felt before lifting it in those locations where it sticks.
- Began work in Square C4
  - Starting elevation = 132.359
  - Ending elevation = 132.154
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - Began removing surface soil and debris.
- Began work in Square E0
  - Starting elevation = 131.634
  - Ending elevation = 131.364
  - Soil is Horizon A

- Began removing surface soil and debris. A line of stones is emerging that runs from SE to NW. It would be perpendicular to the now removed W541. If this is a wall, perhaps it was part of a modern pen.
- Field basket card
- Began work in Square E5
  - Starting elevation = 131.829
  - Ending elevation = 131.829
  - Began removing surface soil and debris.
  - Soil is Horizon A
- Began work in Square F4
  - Starting elevation = 131.741
  - Ending elevation = 131.741
  - We plotted the square but did not begin work.

## Observations

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Daily Drawing

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