## Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: <u>5 July 09</u> Area: <u>NEC</u> Manager: <u>Schuler</u>

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ2	A99north	E5west	F5	F8
Loci	1219	1219	1219	1237	1237	1237
Baskets	None used as we cleared surface debris.					
Walls	W575, W1261, W1266, W1267					
Floors						

- On first day of the tenth season at Hippos, the NEC team began by clearing the site of weeds and grass. Reference lines were set up. The North/South reference ran on the line between the A squares and the B squares. The East/West reference ran on the line between to 99 squares and the 0 squares. Excavation squares were laid out, screens were erected, and team members began removing the surface layer.
- As only surface dirt was removed, no shards were collected
- Opened Square ZZ99south
  - o Goal follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
  - Starting elevation = 131.723
  - Ending elevation = 131.556
  - o Broke the surface. Soil is fill laid down by tractor
- Opened Square ZZ2
  - Goal follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
  - Starting elevation = 132.061
  - Ending elevation = 131.951
  - o Broke the surface. Soil is fill laid down by tractor
- Opened Square A99north
  - Goal follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
  - $\circ$  Starting elevation = 131.527
  - Ending elevation = 131.373
  - o Broke the surface. Soil is fill laid down by tractor
- Opened Square E5west
  - Goal investigate areas west of street

- $\circ$  Starting elevation = 131.268
- Ending elevation = 131.035
- o Broke the surface. Soil is fill laid down by tractor.
- Possible east/west wall at south edge of square. To the south of that wall there may be a 1.25m blocked alley between that wall and the northerly wall of the northern block building.
- Opened Square F5
  - Goal investigate unknown area.
  - Starting elevation = 131.268
  - Ending elevation = 131.035
  - The eastern 1m of the square is a balk.
  - o Broke the surface. Soil is fill laid down by tractor.
- Opened Square F8
  - o Goal follow paved surface to the west.
  - Starting elevation = 130.841
  - $\circ$  Ending elevation = 130.397
  - Removed rough fill on top of square.

## Observations

The day was very cool and the team started out well.

Final Drawing

