



**Hippos (Sussita) 2015 – 16th Season
Daily Log and Drawing**

Date: 6 August Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ40south	DQ40NW			
Loci	2133	2133			
Baskets	3419	3418			
Walls	W1298, W1917, W2132				
Floors					

- 1) Continued work in DQ40south
 - a) Goal = discover function of space east of window wall
 - b) Basket = 3419
 - c) Starting elevation = 131.62
 - d) Ending elevation = 131.54
 - e) Soil = horizon b
 - f) Comments
 - i) Mainly destruction fill
 - ii) The north face to W1917 is less clear as one moves west from the corner with W1298. A significant part of the north face apparently collapsed. About 4 m to the west, solid wall is visible again.
 - iii) A deposit of glass in layers was discovered next to W1298 about 1.2 m from W1917 at an elevation of 131.39. The layer was very fragile and shattered. After gentle

exposure, it appeared to be a crushed bowl (three sections alternating concave and convex). Fragments were gathered.

2) Continued work in DQ40NW

- a) Goal = reveal rest of the middle room
- b) Basket = 3418
- c) Starting elevation = 131.72
- d) Ending elevation = 131.45
- e) Soil = horizon B
- f) Comments
 - i) Mainly destruction fill
 - ii) Very little pottery
 - iii) We began to remove the NW fill horizontally to Trace W2132. So far we have followed the base course 3.9m from W1261. However, after about 3m, the wall seems to have exploded (earthquake damage?). One of the vertical pieces of the window wall has slid down two courses. Another vertical piece lies horizontal on the current surface of the fill
 - iv) We discovered a column base/drum protruding from the plaster floor at 130.50. Only the shaft protrudes (no upper torus, scotia, or lower torus are visible). The shaft is 2.2 m from W1270 and 3.89 m from W1261. This shaft/base is the first indicator as to how this rather large room (5 x 8.3m) may have been roofed. Some stones from the destruction fill look as if they have been part of arches. Once we find pilasters or additional bases, we will have a better sense from the form of the roof.
 - v) We did recover an olive pit from near the column. On our next day in the field, we will sift surrounding soil for other evidence of biologicals.