

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2003 – 4th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 8 July 2003 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B1	C3
Loci	L501	L501
Baskets	PC1829	PC1830
Walls	W510, W520, W521	
Floors		

- Continued work in Square B1
 - Starting elevation = 131.58
 - Ending elevation = 131.28
 - The soil is Horizon B – grayish brown (10YR 5/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; very weak, coarse subangular blocky structure; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 35 percent stones; irregular boundary.
 - List of architectural items . . .
 - 043 limestone doorjamb
 - 044 limestone doorjamb – plaster adheres to side opposite of jamb
 - 045 limestone doorjamb
 - 046 1st column of north aisle (CN1)
 - 047 doorjamb with boring for pivot

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1829	NEC	L501	B1	131.592
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
131.282		2.2	08-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		Yes Plaster	No Human Bones	
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		Yes Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
Yes Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	
Remarks				
1829A Byzantine Umayyad bowl				
1829 B/C drilled handle				
FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	2	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
0	0	50	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
1	0	1	0	0
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
				OCW Jar Body Shard

0	0	0	0	2	52
OCW Other Base	OCW Other Rim	OCW Other Handle	OCW Other Body Shard		Lamp Base
0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamp Rim	Lamp Handle	Lamp Body Shard			
0	0	0			

Analysis

25 pieces of plaster more than 2 cm in size, 1 w curved red stroke 1 cm in width, 1 piece with textured surface and ridges 5-7mm apart, 1 with red paint on surface continuing down one edge, 1 of white plaster with little fiber and a red stripe, some with small amounts of dark red

3 roof tiles, two with lips

tesserae

1 cm -- 4 black, 1 red, 14 white

1.5 cm -- 7 white

2 tesserae blocks (10-15 tesserae each, .5-1cm)

3 glass fragments, one decorated with wing/feathers

one bone fragment

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- W520 is mostly collapsed at this level. There is a finely-worked stone in the corner.
 - W521 appeared clearly at the corner. The wall was cleared at this level to the west.
 - A new column drum appeared in situ parallel to the first drum in the south aisle.
 - Continued work on Square C3
 - Starting elevation = 131.31
 - Ending elevation = 131.21
 - The soil is Horizon B

Basket	Area	Locus	Square	Opening elevation
1830	NEC	L501	C3	131.312
Closing Elevation		Weight	Date	Manager
131.212		1.8	06-Jul-03	Schuler
Yes Ceramic		No Plaster	No Human Bones	
Yes Ceramic non-pottery		No Architectural Item	No Iron	
Yes Tessera		No Lamp	No Lead	
Yes Glass		No Inscription	No Inscription	

Remarks

1830A -- Late Roman C Form 10 Rim Plate

FW Bowl/Plate Base	FW Bowl/Plate Rim	FW Bowl/Plate Handle	FW Bowl/Plate Body Shard	
0	1	0	0	
FW Juglet Base	FW Juglet Rim	FW Juglet Handle	FW Juglet Body Shard	CCW Pot Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Pot Rim	CCW Pot Handle	CCW Body Shard	CCW Casserole Base	CCW Casserole Rim
0	1	118	0	0
CCW Casserole Handle	CCW Bowl Base	CCW Bowl Rim	CCW Bowl Handle	CCW Lid Base
0	0	0	0	0
CCW Lid Rim	CCW Lid Handle	OCW Jar Base	OCW Jar Rim	OCW Jar Handle
0	0	0	1	3
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BBBBB

<i>OCW Other Base</i>	<i>OCW Other Rim</i>	<i>OCW Other Handle</i>	<i>OCW Other Body Shard</i>	<i>Lamp Base</i>
0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lamp Rim</i>	<i>Lamp Handle</i>	<i>Lamp Body Shard</i>		
0	0	0		

Analysis

10 roof tile fragments

5 glass fragments

tesserae:

1 cm -- 10 white, 2 black

1.5 cm -- 6 white

2 cm -- 2 white

- The blocked doorway on the south wall (0.92 m wide; 3.38 m from the SE corner) is framed to the west by basalt door jambs, some of which have collapsed.
- To the west of the doorway, the wall was cleared at this elevation to the end of the square. Only a few stones are finely worked. The upper sections of the wall are constructed of stone of disparate sizes.

Observations

- As the first column in the north run appears in position parallel to the south run, the position of the second visible column in the north run remains to be explained.

Daily Drawing 8 July

