

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

Date: 6 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ2	A99north	E5west	F5	F8
Loci	1219 1226	1219	1219 1226	1237	1237	1237
Baskets	2210 2215	2211	2209 2216	2213	2212	2214
Walls	W575, W591, W1261, W1266, W1267					
Floors						

- On second day of the tenth season at Hippos, the NEC team began by clearing F8 of surface rubble. Also, we began to collect pottery shards
- Continued work on Square ZZ99south
  - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
  - Starting elevation = 131.556
  - Ending elevation = 131.378
  - Entered into horizon B soil. Encountered significant pieces of wall plaster, some with painted lines.
  - Square supervisor noted that north-to-south square lines seemed a bit slanted. That and other minor misalignments caused us to recheck and then adjust the north-to-south reference string. As a consequence, squares A99, ZZ99, and ZZ2 were shifted to the east about .7m, correcting the initial set-up error.
- Continued work on Square ZZ2
  - Goal – follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
  - Starting elevation = 131.951
  - Ending elevation = 131.909
  - Work was in Horizon A soil. Brought the square to level, correcting the up-hill slant of the surface (north to south). Collected a full bucket of shards.
- Continued work on Square A99north
  - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.

- Starting elevation = 131.373
  - Ending elevation = 131.062
  - Moved into Horizon A and then Horizon B soil. May be exposing part of the top of W1267.
- Continued work on Square E5west
  - Goal – investigate areas west of street
  - Starting elevation = 131.035
  - Ending elevation = 130.943
  - Continued to remove destruction fill
- Continued work on Square F5
  - Goal – investigate unknown area.
  - Starting elevation = 131.035
  - Ending elevation = 130.800
  - Revealed additional destruction fill. There are some tentative indicators of the southern extension of W591.
- Continued work on Square F8
  - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
  - Starting elevation = 130.397
  - Ending elevation = 130.236
  - Removed rough fill on top of square with the help of the rest of the team.
  - Possible door frame emerging on an east-to-west line 2.5 m from the south line of the square. The doorframe is 0.64m wide with its exterior to the north (door was 0.71m). Its position suggests that it is later and at a higher level than the plaza below.
- Discovered a north-to-south wall 7.2m east of the ZZ/YY line. It becomes visible on the surface 6.3 m from the 99/0 line. Its external face seems to be to the east. It is constructed of headers (20 x 60 cm) and stretchers (120 x 25 cm). The relationship of this wall to the NEC complex is uncertain. Therefore it has not been assigned a loci number.

## Observations

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

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Daily Drawing

