

PASH 2013  
Daily Diary  
Site 008; Tumulus 052

27 May 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Zhaneta, and Sylvia  
Instrument height is open; target height is 1.44m  
The elevation of the day is 101.44

28 May 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Zhaneta, and Sylvia  
Target height is 1.47m  
The elevation of the day is 101.47  
Zhaneta is working in Q1 and is now finishing up CU 1.

29 May 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Zhaneta, and Zamir  
We are all working in Q1, taking off CU 3.

30 May 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Elvira, and Zhaneta  
Target height is 1.4m  
The elevation of the day is 101.30  
In the beginning of the day, we are working in Q1 finishing up CU 3, which is a very deep layer with many rocks and roots. After that, Mike started to dig in Q3 in CU 4.

31 May 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Elvira, and Zhaneta  
Target height is 1.35m  
The elevation of the day is 101.5  
Mike worked within Q3 finishing CU 4. In Q1, we removed CU 3. Afterwards, we took photos and elevation points.

03 June 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Kailey, Wayne, and Zhaneta  
Today we worked in Q1, Q3, and Q4. In Q1, we finished CU 5 and a new yellow orange layer came out. In Q3, Mike continued to work in CU 4. In Q4, Kailey started to dig CU 1 within the quadrant. The CU 1 covers the entire tumulus.

04 June 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Sylvia, Wayne, Kailey, and Zhaneta  
The elevation of the day is 101.44  
Today we worked in quadrants 1, 3 and 4. In Q1, we finished up CU 6. In Q3, we finished CU 4 and a new layer appeared (CU 8). Kailey continued to work in Q4, digging CU 1.

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05 June 2013

Excavators: Lorenc, Kailey, and Zhaneta

Today Kailey continued to work in Q4, CU 1. In Q4 we finished digging CU 8 and a yellow layer emerged.

06 June 2013

The elevation of the day is 101.33

Excavators: Klodi, Kailey, Megan, Sylvia, Lorenc, Mike, and Wayne

We began the day with excavating Q3 and Q4. In Q3 we are working in CU 7. In Q4, we are continuing in CU 1. It is sunny today; no rain. In Q4, we are excavating CU 8. In CU 7, we screened every 5<sup>th</sup> bucket of dirt.

07 June 2013

The elevation of the day is 101.37

Excavators: George, Mike, Sylvia, Kailey, and Bruna.

We began the day with excavating Q4 down to the level of Q3 and Q1. George and Mike have begun to remove the baulk between Q3 and Q4. In CU 8, we screened every 2 out of 5 buckets. We finished CU 8 down to the level of Q3 and Q1. It is sunny today; no rain. We began excavating a portion of Q2; still in CU 1. A lot of root activity and large stones in quadrant fill. The baulk between Q4 and Q1 has also begun to be removed.

08 June 2013

The elevation of the day is 141.03

Excavators: Mike, Zhaneta, and Sylvia

Zhaneta has been excavating in Q2, where they have exposed a layer of very large rocks. Unlike what we have found in Q3, Q4, and Q1. Today we have finished removing two baulks: the western wall of Q3 and the northern wall of Q4. We are now beginning to cut into the inner wedge of Q2. At the northern wall of Q4 and the inner wedge of Q2, we have removed a layer of very large rocks, much like the layer that is being exposed in Q2. After removing these baulks (and, thus, removing the layer of rock) we came down to a layer of black clay loam (prehistoric surface?). Artifacts recovered from baulks so far: prehistoric sherd and metal. The black clay loam sits atop the yellow clay that has been exposed in quadrants 1, 3, and 4. Maybe black clay loam is prehistoric *A horizon* and the yellow clay is the *B horizon*? Perhaps the prehistoric mound was built atop the prehistoric A horizon. We expect that prehistoric graves are cut into the prehistoric A and B horizons.

09 June 2013

Excavators: Mike, Sylvia, Zhaneta, Bruna, Anisa, Anisa, and Erica

In Q2, we are excavating the profile of the mound. In the central baulk, we are excavating CU 10. CU 10 used to be the N-S baulk; we brought it down to the level of Q1 and Q4.

However, we encountered a layer of hard, rocky soil near the surface of the baulk and were only able to excavate in certain areas of this baulk. In this CU, there were three areas that did not have the rock layer. They appear to be cuts. They are cuts into the rock layer. The southern cut is now CU 11 and the northern cut is CU 12. We have not yet assigned a CU to

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the third (also the smallest cut). We have begun to excavate CU 11 and CU 12. Mike is using a small pickaxe to remove CU 13, which is the hard-packed layer of rock. In Q2, we have been cutting into the mound to expose the profile. At the western base of the wall, we have exposed an area with black dirt. This area is known as feature 1. We have collected a radiocarbon sample for absolute dating. We have removed CU 13 (the layer of rock and hard soil) and have exposed a layer of hard, red, sandy clay-dirt. This layer is flat and is the surface upon which the rocks sat on. CU 10 was below a layer of black clay loam (prehistoric ground surface?). CU 10 was a single layer of rock – appears to have been constructed (rocks popped off with relative ease).

10 June 2013

Excavators: Mike, Lorenc, Sylvia, Zhaneta, Ellie

Elevation of the day: 141.13

We began the day by finishing and taking a photo of CU 13. Zhaneta is finishing CU 9 and is now working in CU 15. We removed a portion of the northern baulk and another portion of the mound in order to determine if the hard-packed red clay (from the bottom of CU 13) extends into other parts of the mound. In Q2, Zhaneta is removing the layer of large rock (part of original mound construction?) – CU 15. The stratigraphic profile of Q2 has layers of rock and layers of soil, which appears to have been prepared.

We have now fully removed the baulk between Q1 and Q2. On the northern half, a layer of large rock was exposed, whereas a layer of red gritty clay was exposed on the southern end of the baulk. This layer is next to (and the same as?) CU 14.

Note – we did not fill out CU forms for CU 11 and CU 12 (the cuts).