I am happy to report that the second and final season of fieldwork at Snooks Cove (GaBp-07), Labrador, was another successful one. Whereas last year’s work focused on identifying suitable Inuit houses to excavate and starting excavations, this year’s work was spent completing excavations of houses three and four and site mapping. All told, 130 (1m x 1m) units were excavated over the two seasons and the houses have been dated from about 1790 to 1940 with house four dating to the first half of this time period and house three representing the latter half. Exposed architectural features including a stone hearth, sleeping platforms, partial flagstone and wood-plank flooring, sod and log walls, and a cold-trap entranceway will be used towards developing a typology of sod-house architecture in Labrador. Recovered faunal and floral remains as well as European and Inuit material culture will be used to reconstruct the lifeways of the Inuit occupants of these houses. While the cumulative assemblage represents approximately 150 years of daily life, a comparison of house three and four assemblages provides a decent opportunity to better understand the responses of Inuit living in the Groswater Bay and Narrows region to increasing interaction with foreigners after about 1790. Very little research has been done on the recent contact period in this area of Labrador and this research attempts to fill this substantial void. I anticipate the analysis and write-up for this research to be completed over the next year and a half.

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Figure 3 Assorted Clay Pipes.

Figure 4 Refitted Annular Ware Bowl.