Homework answers –suit play

1) Trick 1] win with Ace hrts (a) in order to preserve a possible late entry to the dummy
Trick 2]play clubs (d).
The idea will be to play A + K clubs and then ruff a club. Drawing trumps can be delayed

2) (d) play hearts. The idea being to discard a losing diamond on the long heart
We don't draw trumps becaue we will lose the lead doing that (to the Ace trumps) and may not then get the chance to take a discard

3) at trick 2] d) play hearts
We intend to create a void in hearts in dummy and will ruff a heart in dummy.
We don't draw trumps because we need trumps in dummy to trump with !!

4) trick 1] win with K hrts (b) because we may need entries to hand
trick 2] play diamonds (e)

The game is to establish the long diamonds in hand by ruffing (that's why we don't draw trumps). We could just about establish clubs rather than diamonds BUT as we have more diamonds than clubs that makes them easier to establish

5) Trick 2] (a) draw trumps. Yes we intend to ruff a heart in dummy BUT when we have four trumps in dummy it is better to draw trumps first (there will still be a trump left over after the drawing)

5) Transfers : (i) 1NT ----------2H
2S----------3NT
Pass

Natural (i) 1NT ----------3S
3NT----------Pass

Transfers : (ii) 1NT ----------Pass

Natural (ii) 1NT ----------2D
Pass

Transfers : (iii) 1NT ----------2cl
2H----------Pass

Natural (i) 1NT ----------2C
2H----------Pass

o.k. (iii) was a tease. With 5-----4 in the majors and a weak hand use weak stayman.

6) Now you lead the K hearts.
Shall I leave it at that ? or mention it is a Merrimac coup ?
To cross the Ts and dot the I's ….. it is fairly obvious that declarer will make the contract by leading diamonds to knock out your Ace diamonds. You can hold up if you like BUT the dummy will be accessed by the Ace hearts entry.

So …you remove the entry to the dummy in order that the declarer will not be able to access dummy and enjoy the diamonds. You have sacrificed your King hearts in the hopes of nullifying the diamond tricks. Well played.