

Welcome To The Fort Collins Digital Camera Club Meeting



March 12, 2024

Meeting Agenda

6:00: Social Time

6:30: Club Business

7:00: Member Forum

Photographing a Solar Eclipse

8:00: Member Submissions

Introductions

Club Officers for 2024

President - Albert Wang

President Elect - ?

Secretary - Mike Barry

Treasurer - Dave Chamness

Facebook Page Moderators - Albert Wang

Photo Submissions Editor - Jim Limburg

Website Manager - Mike Barry

Welcome Visitors

Financials

Special Interest Groups

Drone: dormant

Events: dormant

Fine Art: Mike Barry

Infrared: Walt Lyons

Landscape: Ed Ogle

Macro: Paul Marcoux

Night Sky: Ralph Smith

Portrait: Mike Barry

Travel: Albert Wang

Video: Judy Cannon

Wildlife: Guy Turenne

Mentor Program:

Photography 101 - George Theodore

February Activities

Portrait SIG: Feb 4, Mike's studio

Club Meeting: Feb 13, Zoom only

Macro SIG: Feb 17, Butterfly House at
Gardens on Spring Creek

Fine Art SIG: Feb 20, Zoom

Coffee Meeting: Feb 21, Panera Council Tree

Video SIG: Feb 27, Zoom

March Activities

Portrait SIG: Mar 3, Mike's studio

Travel SIG: Mar 7, Zoom

Club Meeting: Mar 12, Zoom

Fine Art SIG: Mar 19, Zoom

Coffee Meeting: Mar 21, Panera Council Tree

Macro SIG: Mar 23, CSU

Club Outing: Mar 24, Order of Epona dress rehearsal

Video SIG: Mar 26, Zoom

March Events

New moon: Mar 10

Frozen Dead Guy Days: Mar 14-17, Estes Park

Sharin' o' the Green 5k: Mar 16, Washington Park FC

Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade: Mar 16

Fort Collins Circus Center: Mar 23, Embassy Suites
Ranch, Loveland

Full moon: Mar 25

Costume-Con 42: Mar 29-Apr 1, Aurora

Looking forward to April...

FCDCC Portrait SIG: Apr 7

New moon: Apr 8

Total eclipse (far away): Apr 8

NoCo Intertribal Powwow: Apr 12-14, Aztlan Center

Wicked West Comic Expo: Apr 13-14, The Ranch

FCDCC general meeting: **Apr 15 (not the normal date)**

FCDCC Fine Art SIG: Apr 16

Travel SIG: Apr 18

FoCoMX (music festival): Apr 19-20, Downtown

Full moon: Apr 23

Member Survey

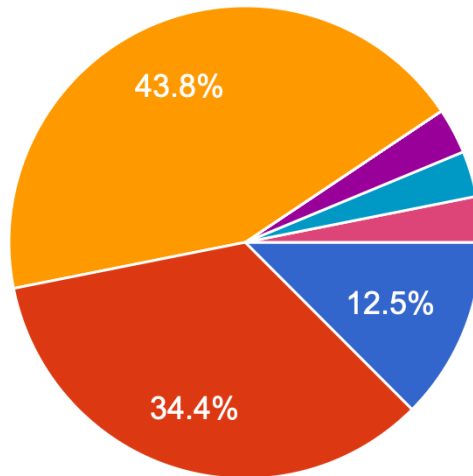
- Survey open from February 16 to 22, 2024
- 32 total responses
- Summer picnic
- Travel SIG

Where to hold picnic?

Subject 1: Summer picnic We will be working on making reservations for the summer picnic, which should be on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. We have previo...u have a preference on which location to reserve?

32 responses

11 for Fossil Creek, 4 for City Park, remainder more or less neutral

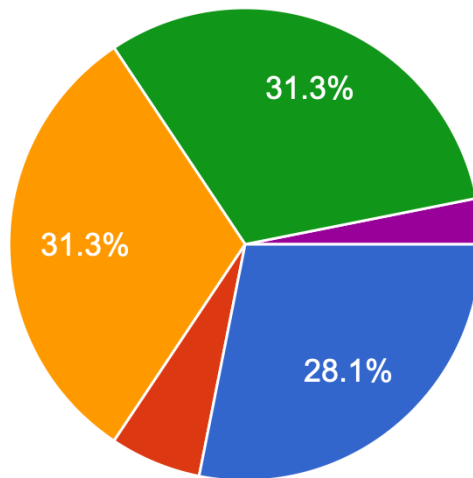


- I prefer City Park
- I prefer Fossil Creek Park
- Not sure/no opinion
- Neither, but not sure where (if you have a specific location in mind, write it in below under "Other..." instead)
- Either is fine with me.
- Both are good options.
- Anywhere with a covered pavilion

Shoot at the picnic?

During the 2023 summer picnic, we had the unusual opportunity to also shoot the circus during the picnic. Do you think we should pursue some similar opportunities in the future (based on the choices, write it in under "Other...").

32 responses



- Yes, I would like to shoot the circus (or something similar) in particular
- Yes, but I would like to have something different to shoot instead of the circus
- No, I think having a shoot at the picnic detracted from the social interaction at the picnic
- Not sure/no opinion
- Would love both options.

Other comments

- One suggestion (from a new member) was for Rolland Moore Park
 - This or another city park like Edora Park with sufficiently sized pavilions are also possible in future years
- Another suggestion was for Gateway Natural Area
 - I suspect this is too far for a dinnertime picnic, but may work for a lunchtime picnic
 - However I'm not sure what the facilities are like there
- Another comment suggested that the club buy the main dish while the rest is potluck/BYO
 - I think this was done one year, but I think we had lots of leftovers

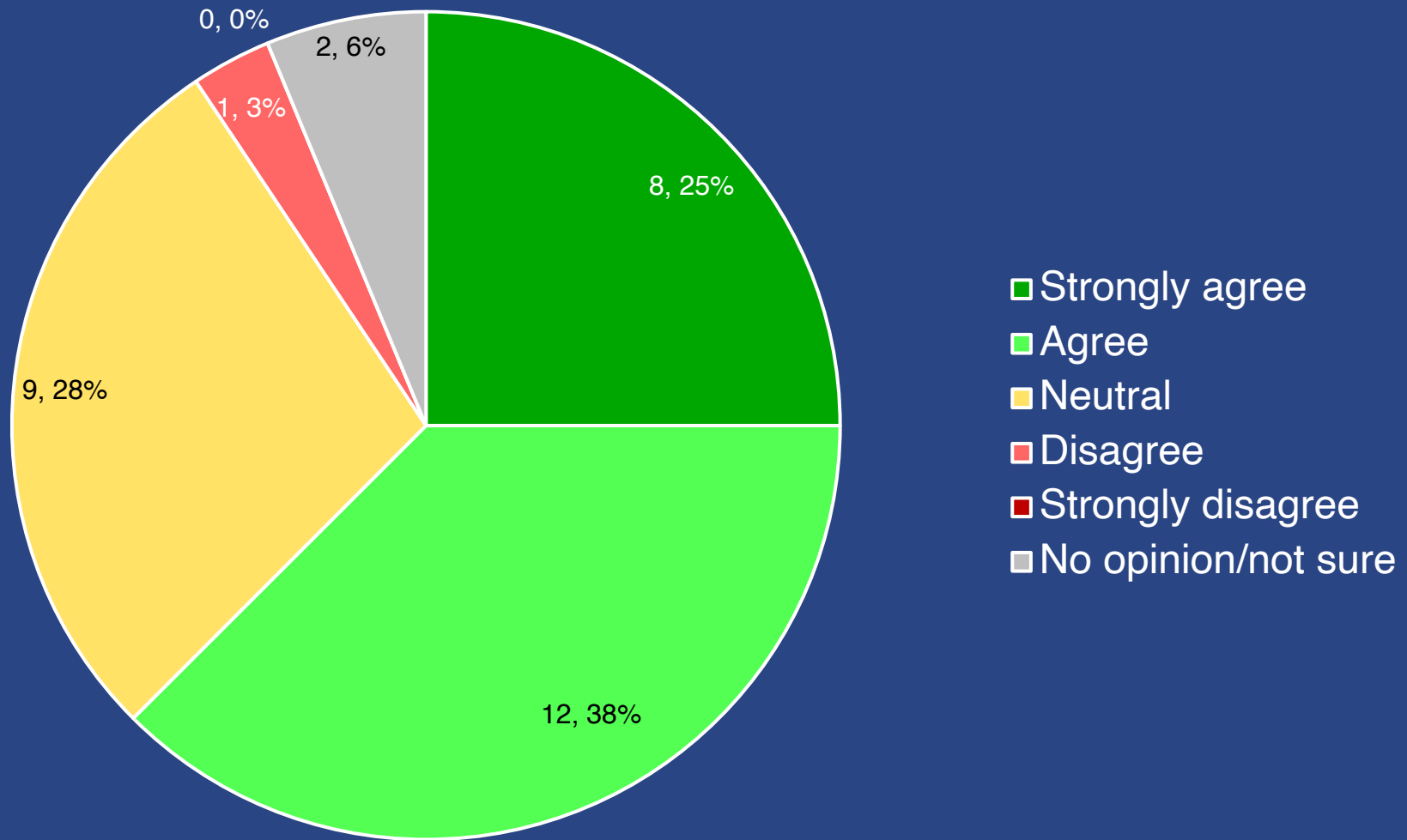
This year's picnic

- This year's picnic will be at Fossil Creek Park, but at the west pavilion adjacent to the reservoir and not the east pavilion near Lemay Avenue
- No decision yet on whether the club would buy main dish or something like that

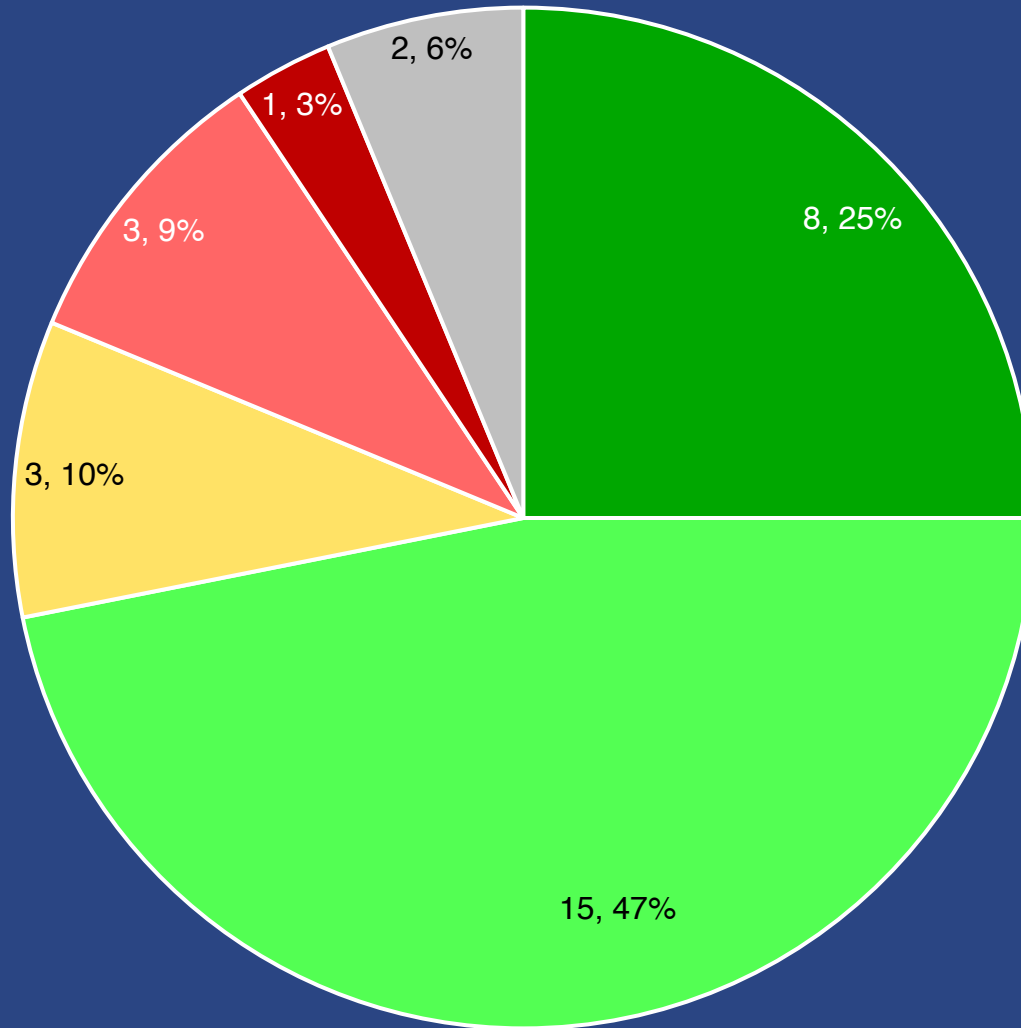
Travel SIG

- The next few slides are poll results for what respondents want from the travel SIG.

Have a forum for club members to discuss and organize multi-day outings

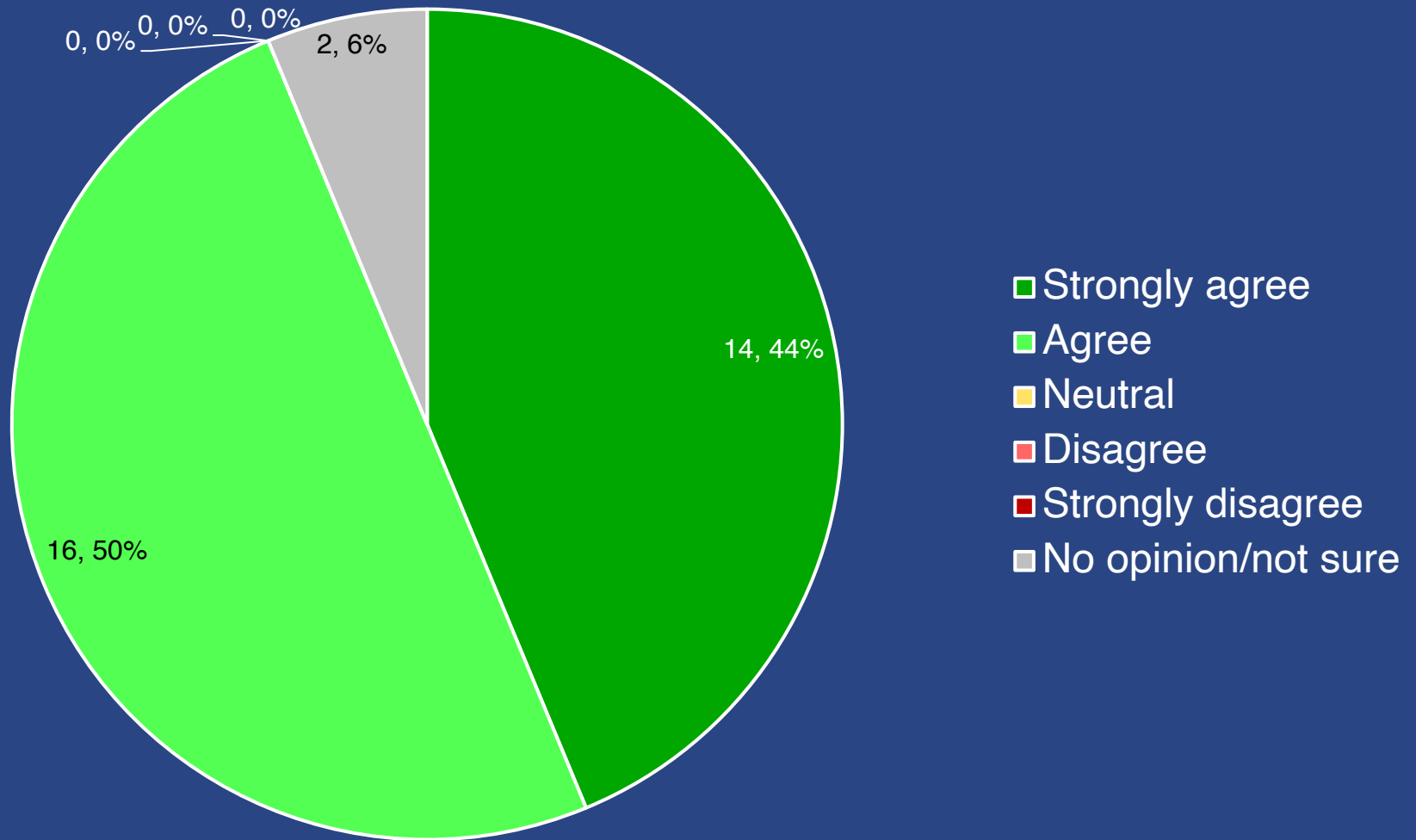


See photos from other members' trips

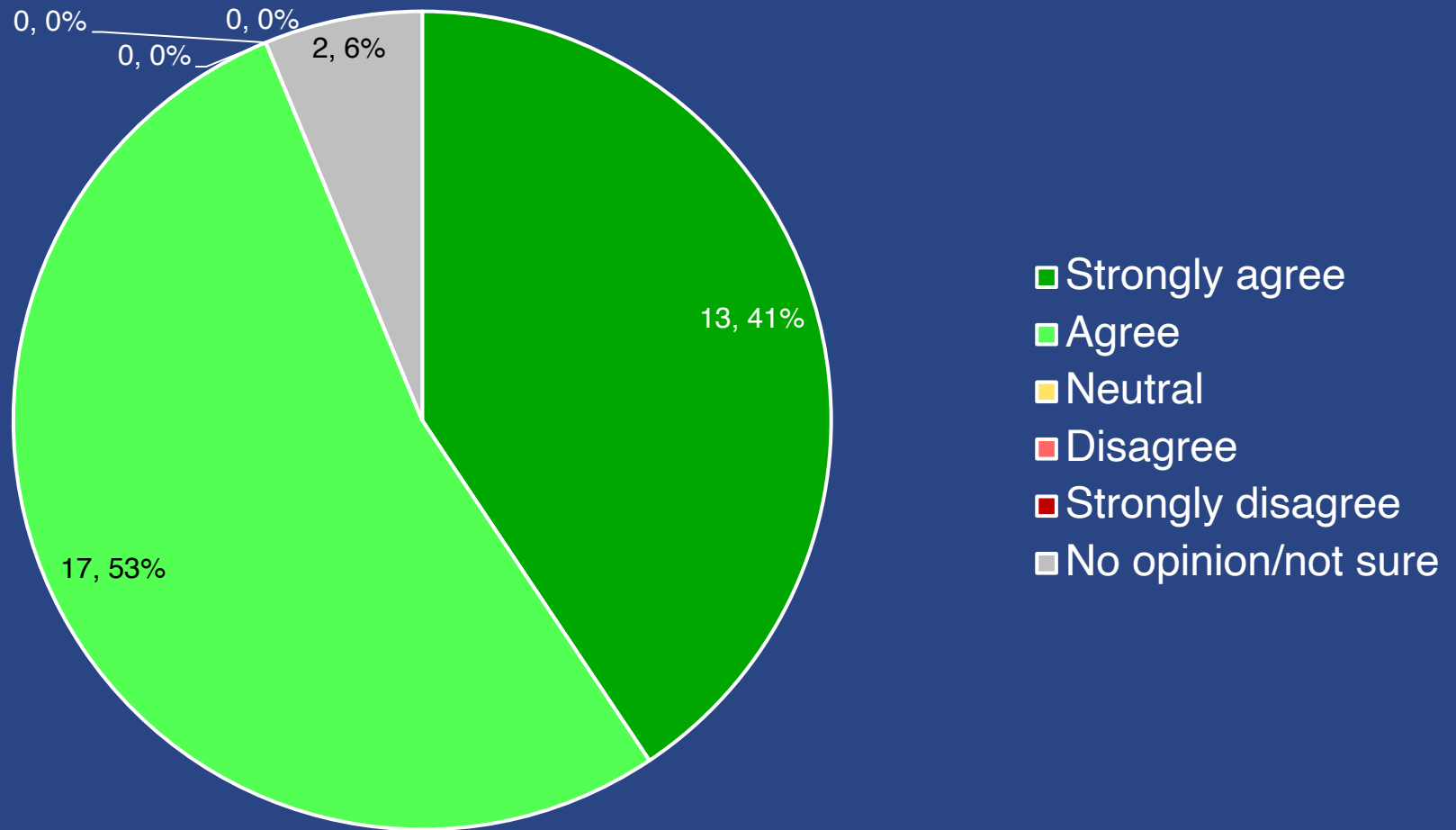


- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion/not sure

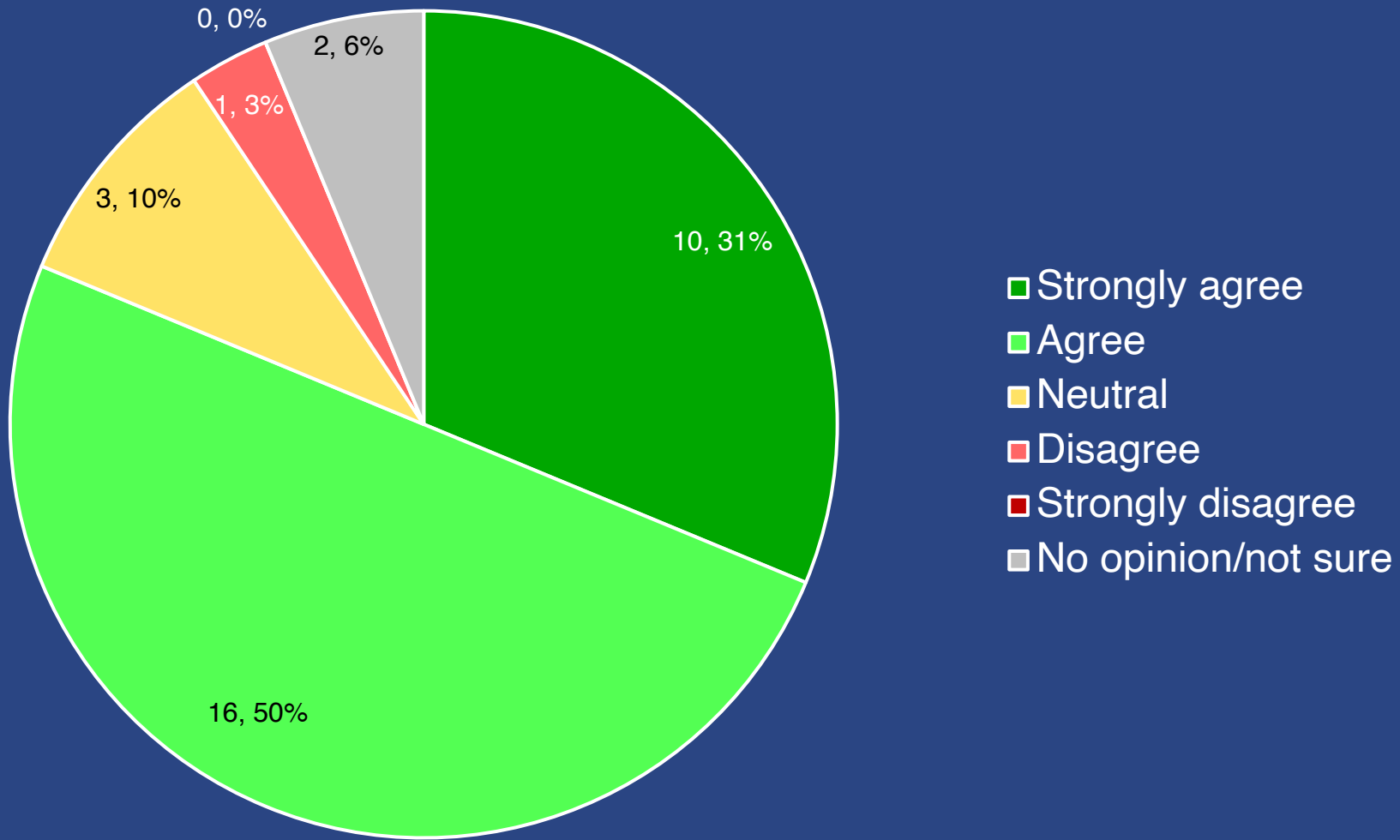
Learn about destinations with good photographic opportunities



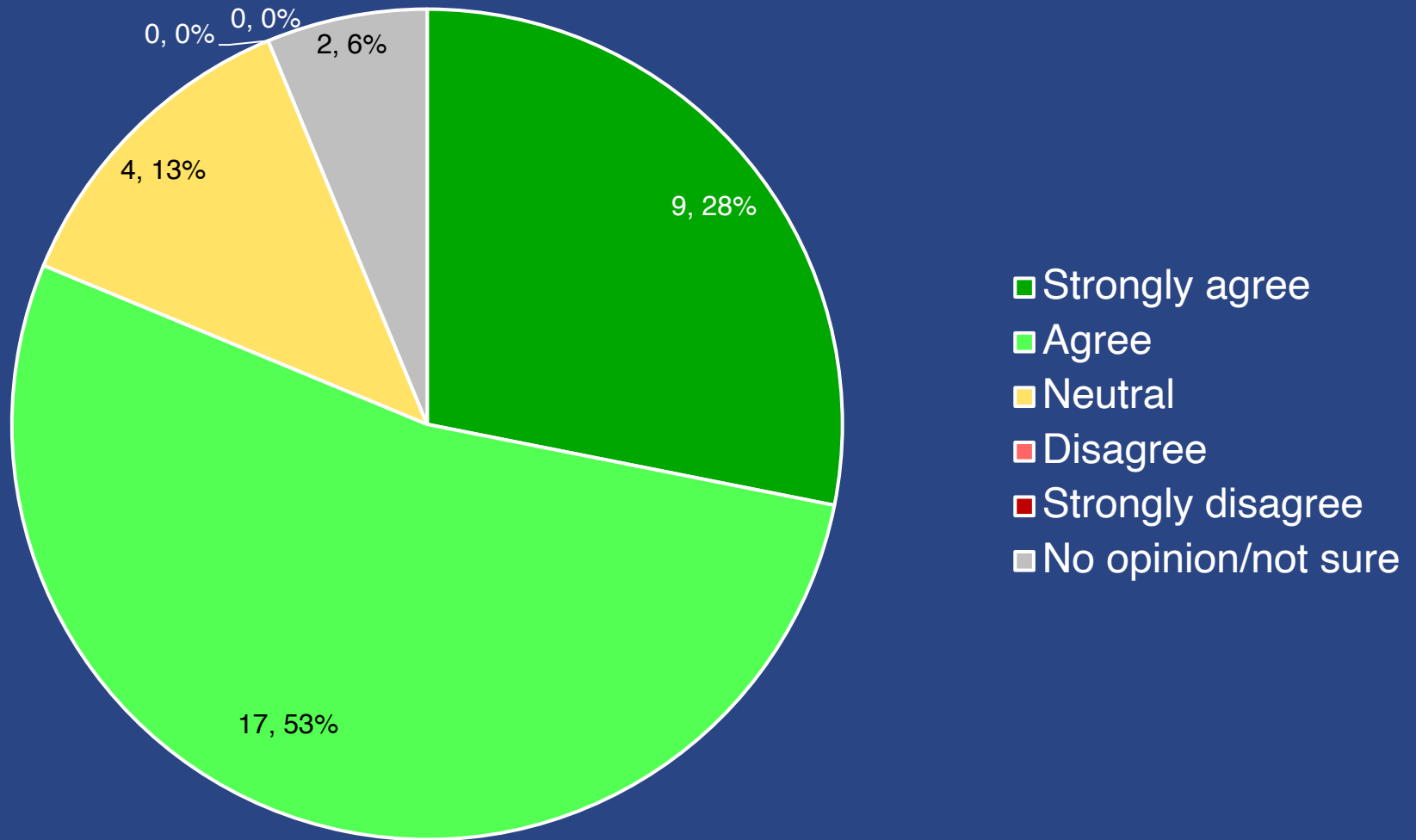
Learn when to go to destinations with good photographic opportunities (example: best season)



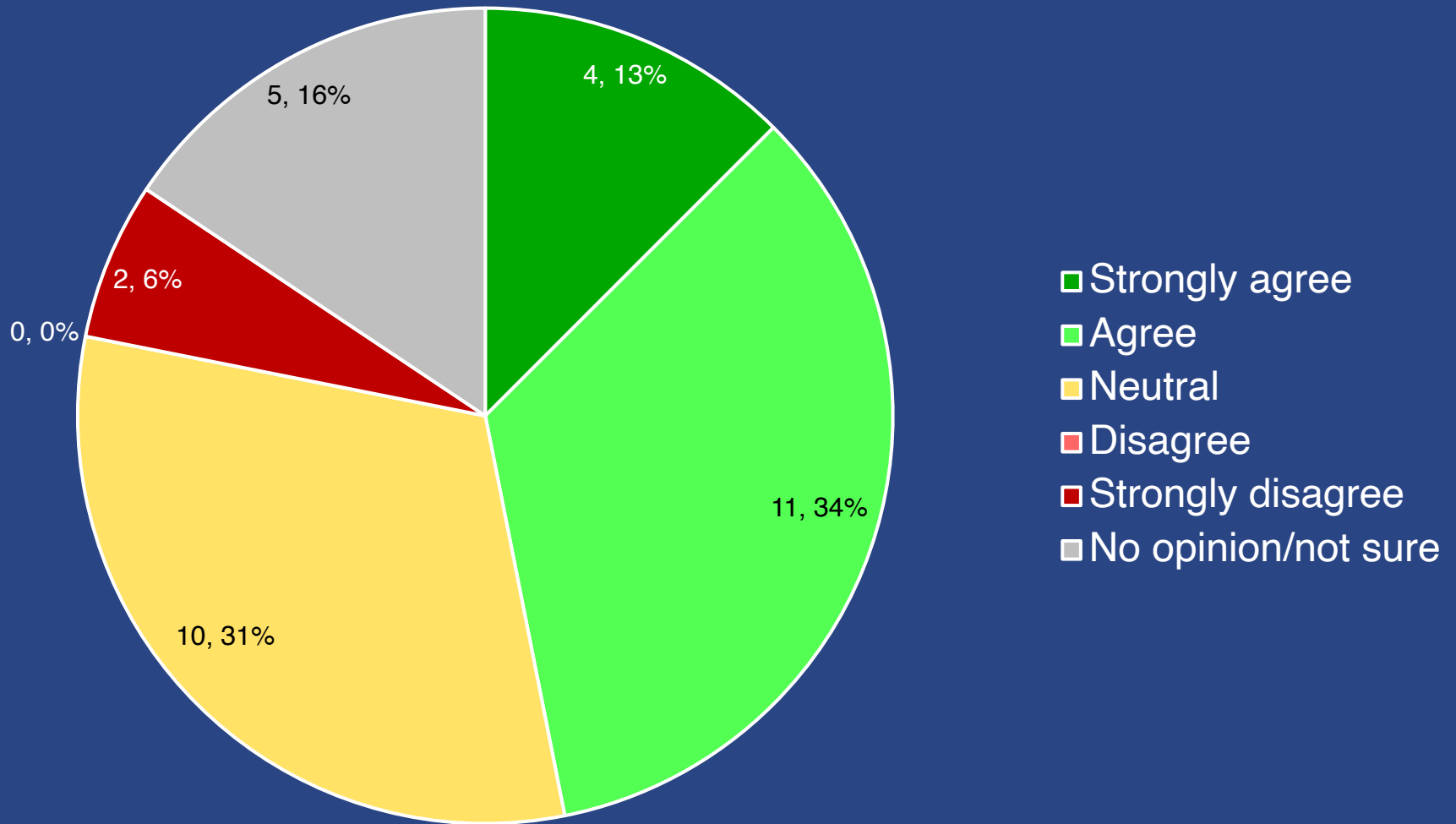
Learn about planning trips to destinations with good photographic opportunities



Learn about equipment to take for particular trips



Learn about photo workshops that are not nearby



Travel SIG

- There were 3 comments
 - One indicated they weren't interested in the Travel SIG but liked all the ideas.
 - Another noted that some pictures would only be of interest to the original photographer and that some moderation or guidelines are needed to keep the meeting from being boring
 - The final comment was quite long and was interested in club "expedition" outings to defray costs, and believed sharing pictures in an extra forum was unnecessary

Speakers

Month	Speaker / Event	Topic
January	Ed Ogle	Fisheye Lens Photography
February	Greg Holden	Learning to See Creatively
March	Club round table	Eclipse Photography
April	Brian Hanning	Intellectual Property/AI
May	Dawn Wilson	Birds of the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest
June	Colleen Miniuk	?
July	--	Summer Picnic
August	Glen Hush	Photographing Smoke
September	?	?
October	?	?
November	Scott McNeill	Snowflakes
December	--	Member Photos

Member Forum

Photographing a Solar Eclipse